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JOB-CUT FEARS OVER COLLEGE MERGER PLANS

A PROPOSED merger between South Kent College and West Kent College could see both the Folkestone and Dover campuses being sold, leading to job losses.

There are fears among staff about possible asset-stripping at SKC sites to pay for an expensive, large-scale rebuild of the West Kent campus in Tonbridge, says a union official.

Bill Fearon, the principal of WKC, has refused to give assurances about the cuts, according to Universities and Colleges Union branch chairman Pat Gorman, instead only stating that there would continue to be "provision" in all three South Kent

EXCLUSIVE

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

campuses, which also include Ashford.

Mr Gorman said: "Anyone with an ounce of common sense could see through such evasion. 'Provision' means anything Bill Fearon wants it to mean.

"The construction skills centre in Whitfield constitutes provision in Dover, despite only having five students!"

He said that a series of meetings in November last year saw staff polled on their support for the merger, with 133 against and only one in favour.

Mr Gorman also said West Kent's debt of some £70 million dwarfed

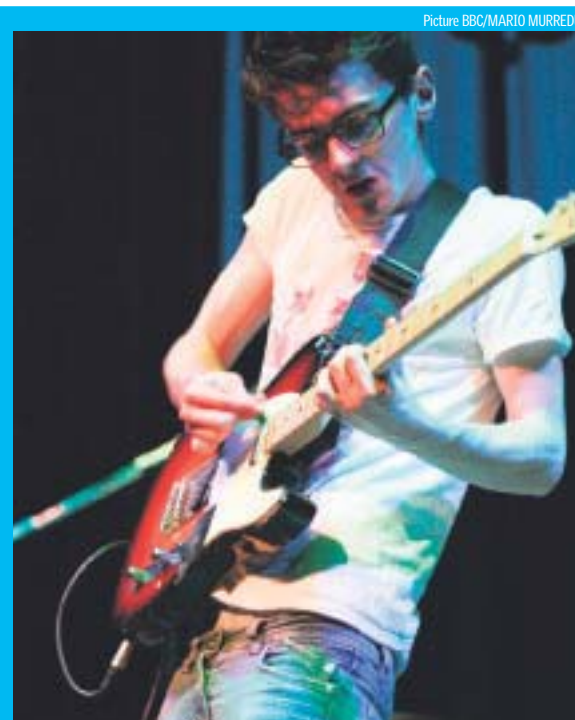
SKC's equivalent borrowings of £4.9m. A financial plan for the merged college also shows that it could raise £5m by selling off campuses in the three South Kent towns.

He said: "This review proves the fears of SKC staff were well founded - West Kent College intends to sell off SKC sites to pay for their own new-build in Tonbridge, despite the devastating impact on the future of Dover and Folkestone."

He also claimed SKC governors had been placed "under extreme pressure" by funding body the Learning and Skills Council to agree to merge.

Mr Gorman said South Kent could and should be allowed to stand alone, with the current leadership and

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BANDS ROCK SHOW AT BBC SHOWCASE

Owen Kimm of Folkestone band Elephants struts his stuff on stage at the town's Quarterhouse.

The indie-pop four-piece were among the featured acts at last week's BBC Kent Introducing night, which provides an annual showcase of the county's best up-and-coming music.

They were joined by the likes of Tom Williams And The Boat from Tunbridge Wells, Thanet rockers Floors And Walls, Chatham quirk-punk trio Polka Park, Sittingbourne folk-blues-rockers Krissy And The Jackdaws and Gaoler's Daughter, of Gravesend.

Tunbridge Wells DJ Jacob Plant finished the night off by spinning some tunes until the early hours.

Elephants are also among the local acts announced to appear at this summer's Sellindge Music Festival, alongside the likes of headliners Reverend And The Makers and Lee 'Scratch' Perry.

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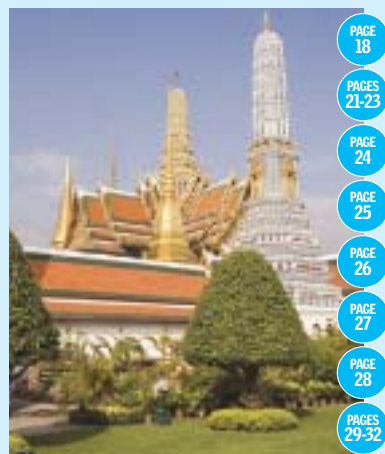
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Councillors vote to expand airport despite opposition

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

SHEPWAY councillors have been widely condemned after going against expert advice and voting to approve Lydd airport's controversial expansion plans.

Last Wednesday's seven-hour meeting ended in a 27-12 vote in favour of a runway extension and new passenger terminal, probably meaning the decision will be called in for a public inquiry.

Airport bosses hailed the outcome as "a victory for the people of Shepway", but campaigners against the development say they will fight on and criticised councillors for ignoring officers' recommendations.

Liberal Democrat group leader Lynne Beaumont, who led the charge against the plans during the meeting, said: "Shepway employed experts to give councillors information before they made a decision on the future of Romney Marsh in respect of the expansion of the airport.

"This was argued with, ignored, chopped to pieces and voted against.

"We need jobs, and green tourism is the way forward for Romney Marsh, which will provide jobs and money for the local economy without destroying the most beautiful and scientifically important part of our area."

RSPB regional director Chris Corrigan, who addressed the meeting, said: "It is difficult to understand how the councillors reached this decision.

"The council's own officers and their independent expert ecological advisers have pointed out the problems and recommended rejection."

He said, given the wide range of popular and technical opposition, the facts should be open to examination at a public inquiry.



FLIGHT OF FANCY: An artist's impression of how the planned Lydd terminal could look

Protect Kent's deputy director Sean Furey said: "The decision by Shepway council shows little consideration has been made for the tranquility of this unique area or opposition from local residents.

"Expanding Lydd airport is the most unsustainable decision that could have been made, yet sadly it now has. The environmental impact is going to be devastating."

Louise Barton, of Lydd Airport Action Group (LAAG), said: "We are confident that the decision will be overturned in a public inquiry on the correct interpretation of the European Habitats Regulations.

"Other important factors include nuclear safety, an issue that was dismissed by Shepway council.

"LAAG believes the risk of crash damage is too high and can demonstrate that the methodology used to assess crash-damage risk cannot account for the high specific risk at Lydd airport."

Following the meeting, Lydd managing director Jonathan Gordon said the approval for the £25 million investment plan was "a victory for

the people of Shepway." He said: "We put forward a compelling case for allowing the controlled development of the airport.

"Councillors made the right choice for the future of our community."

Shepway MP Michael Howard was among those who addressed the meeting to argue in favour of the development, saying it would provide much-needed jobs.

He was joined by Channel Chamber manager Peter Hobbs, ward members Victoria Dawson, Clive Goddard and Carole Waters, as well as Marsh county councillor William Richardson.

Those against included New Romney Coast councillor Val Loseby, representatives from Greatstone School, Keep The Marsh Special Alliance, Kent Downs AONB, Kent Wildlife Trust, the RSPB and Shepway Environment and Community Network.

More than 2,000 people logged on to Shepway council's website to watch the live broadcast of the meeting, which was also shown publicly at the Marsh Academy.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Run-up to charity half-marathon starts

THE fifth annual Folkestone Half-Marathon has been announced.

The Rotary Club of Folkestone, under the guidance of runner Ray Johnson, is hosting the event.

This year's supported charity is MacMillan Cancer Support but runners can raise cash for any cause.

The course will be 13.1 miles from The Leas in Folkestone, through the town to Hythe and back, returning up the Road of Remembrance hill and finishing along The Leas.

The first male and female winners will each receive £100 sponsored by Independent Insurance Services.

The entry fee is £13 affiliated and £15 un-affiliated or £15 and £17 up to and including four days before the race on Sunday, September 26.

To download forms, register and pay online go to www.folkestone.rotary.org.

Festival announces Wells competition

THE HG Wells Literary Festival has announced details of this year's short story competition.

First prize is £1000 and second prize is £250, with entrants invited to write up to 5,000 words about life for ordinary people today.

Last year's top prize was won by 13-year-old Harvey Grammar student William Jarrett, with the runner-up a Hythe pensioner, aged 72.

There is a new age limit on the top prize to jump-start a young writer, but there is also the second prize to encourage older writers' efforts.

Stories must be sent to Somerville Lodge, Hillside, Sandgate CT20 3DB by July 20. Winners will be announced by Professor Dominic Wells, great-grandson of HG, at The Grand Hotel on September 19.

Entry forms can be downloaded from www.wellsfestival.com.

Warden patrols crack down on dog-fouling

POLICE and council officers are cracking down on dog fouling in Dymchurch after locals' concerns.

Shepway council's dog warden, Karyl Rimmer, has teamed up with PCSO Lee Stokes and KCC community warden Geoff Stephens to carry out regular patrols.

They have been talking to dog-walkers, giving out leaflets and providing a visible presence.

They also carried out an environmental audit which showed the area is improving.

It follows concerns raised by local people at PACT meetings, police surgeries and in calls to the council.

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Reggae star and indie bands to play festival

THIS year's Sellindge Music Festival line-up has been announced, with indie rock band Reverend And The Makers and Dub reggae pioneer Lee 'Scratch' Perry topping the bill.

The annual summer extravaganza, which takes place on Hope Farm in Gibbons Brook, also features rock trio Johnny Foreigner, award-winning folk artist Eliza Carthy and Folkestone-based band Elephants, among many others.

The three-day event is on the verge of announcing its Friday night headliner, with the aim of rivalling previous years' appearances by the likes of Idlewild and Supergrass.

In addition to the main stage, there will be a WoFo (World and Folk Music) tent, Dance Tent and a BBC Introducing area for local up-and-coming acts.

Cult musicians Reverend and the Makers, who are headlining on the Saturday, were formed in Sheffield in 2005 and are the brainchild of lead singer Jon 'The Reverend' McClure.

They first came to fame when they supported the Arctic Monkeys on tour in early 2006, before selling out venues in Sheffield, London and Shoreditch later that summer, releasing their debut album *The State of Things* in 2007.

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

The Makers have since played across the festival circuit including Glastonbury, T in the Park, the Carling Weekend and T4 on the Beach as well as supporting the Red Hot Chili Peppers in Glasgow and featuring on Oasis' final tour.

Lead singer McClure is strongly influenced by poetry which contributes to the band's funky, mildly electronica-inspired indie guitar rock sound and authentic stage presence.

Sunday's headliner Lee 'Scratch' Perry brings a lifetime's experience in the industry, earning himself the title of Grand Master of Reggae.

Born in 1936, he has had a massive influence on artists such as Max Romeo, Junior Byles and Bob Marley and The Wailers since the late 1960s, with his experimental production leading to him being proclaimed as the creator of Dub.

Lee is also credited with developing the prototypical reggae 'riddim' in the 1960s and in 2003 he won a Best Reggae Album Grammy for his groundbreaking record, *Jamaican ET*, and in 2004 Rolling Stone magazine listed him as one of their top 100 Artists of All Time.

On the WoFo stage, seven-time winner of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards Eliza Carthy will be supported by Young Folk award winner



THE STATE OF PLAY: Jon McClure will headline with Reverend And The Makers

James Findlay, together with Barcelona musical collective Giulia Y Los Tellarini.

On the local stage, Folkestone hardcore six-piece Jairus have reformed with new members after a world tour and indie-pop four-piece Elephants, who also hail from the town, make a return.

Tickets for the event on June 11-13 are £79 for the weekend with camping or £35 per day. Go to www.sellindgemusicfestival.co.uk to find out more and to book.

Thieves target allotment sheds

GARDENERS are being warned not to leave valuable equipment in sheds, following an attempted break-in at some allotments in Folkestone.

Thieves targeted the allotments in Tile Kiln Lane, Folkestone, between Friday, March 5, and the following day; they tried to force open shed locks.

Police believe that with the lighter evenings, thieves will target sheds and outbuildings, and officers and PCSOs are carrying out extra patrols.

PC Andy Perham said: "Get valuables property-marked, buy stronger locks and fit shed alarms."

If you see anything suspicious, phone Kent Police on 01622 690690. If you have information about this or any other crime, call Kent Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

If you would like advice on getting property security-marked, phone your neighbourhood officer on 01303 289271.

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SUPPORT: South Kent College's Monica Box

Staff oppose closure of college sites in merger

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management team of Monica Box, Andrew Murdoch and Jackie Watt

"Monica has the full support of staff at South Kent College.

"Indeed, staff at SKC are fully aware that changes need to be made and that some rationalisation will happen.

"What they are totally against is the wholesale closure of sites and the impact this will have on education in Folkestone and Dover, not least the hundreds of redundancies that will inevitably follow the closure of the sites."

Both colleges' boards voted to approve the merger last month and the application is now before the Minister of State waiting for

approval, with the expected completion date being Thursday, April 1. The new institution will be known as Kent Invicta College.

In a statement released on Monday, Mr Fearon said: "The staff, managers and governors of WKC are very pleased that the colleges have agreed to merge and we are looking forward to the opportunity to meet our SKC colleagues to start to plan the future of Kent Invicta College.

"We have a lot of work to do to ensure a successful launch in September for the 2010/11 academic year.

"It's going to be a very interesting and exciting challenge for all concerned with West Kent and South Kent colleges."



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CELEBRATION OF A LIFE: Great-niece Rita Humphrey and author Phil Vasili, inset, were both at the book launch

Book celebrates a hero of both sport and war

A BIOGRAPHY of military and football hero Walter Tull has just been published, with dignitaries from the Caribbean and their British counterparts attending a ceremony at The Grand hotel.

The book – *Walter Tull 1888-1918 Officer, Footballer All The Guns in France Couldn't Wake Me* – tells the story of Britain's first black outfield footballer and first black Army officer.

It is the work of football historian Phil Vasili, who said: "I came across this incredible story and felt it should be told."

"To young people of whatever colour, the story of Walter Tull is inspirational."



CROSSING THE LINE: Walter Tull in his Tottenham kit

■ BY NICK AMES

"He was a role model in so many ways."

Tull, the son of a joiner, was born in Folkestone in April, 1888, and also lived for a time in Dover.

His father, the son of a slave, arrived from Barbados in 1876 and had married a girl from Kent.

In 1895, when Walter was seven, his mother died. His stepmother was then unable to cope with all six children and Walter and his brother Edward were sent to a Methodist-run orphanage in Bethnal Green, London.

A keen footballer, he was invited to join Tottenham Hotspur.

The club had just been promoted to the First Division of the Football League and Tull made his debut against Sunderland, earning considerable praise for his early performances. Tull scored his first goal, against Bradford City, soon after.

After a transfer, Tull scored four in one match while playing inside-forward for Northampton Town.

However, he played most of his 110 games for Northampton as a wing-half, becoming the club's most popular player in the process.

But Tull did not always get a good response from the fans of the opposition.

Officer

When war broke out, he volunteered for the Army and despite military regulations forbidding "any negro or person of colour" being an officer, received his commission in May, 1917.

He led his men at the Battle of Piave and was mentioned in dispatches for his gallantry and coolness under fire.

On March 25, 1918, 2nd Lieutenant Tull was ordered to lead his men on an attack on the German trenches at Favreuil.

Soon after entering No Man's Land, Tull was hit by a German bullet.

One of the soldiers who tried to rescue him later told his commanding officer that Tull was "killed instantaneously with a bullet through his head".

His great-niece Rita Humphrey, who attended the launch, said: "He would have been amazed at all this fuss. I'm sure of that."

See www.yourkenttv.co.uk for interviews and a look at the launch.

New Bishop meets his flock

THE Bishop of Dover has visited schools, community centres and charities in Folkestone as part of a tour of his new diocese.

Organised by the volunteers of All Souls' Church and its vicar, the Rev Hilary Jones, the aim was to help the Rt Rev Trevor Willmott, who was appointed last month, to build a picture of life in the district.

On Tuesday last week, he was introduced to staff and students at Folkestone Academy after being welcomed by principal Sean Heslop and school chaplain Mark Harlow.

The Bishop spoke to pupils and even joined in with a French lesson. Mr Harlow explained the school's broadly Christian ethos and said great emphasis was placed on pastoral care.

In the afternoon the Bishop visited the Rainbow Centre, in Sandgate Road, to learn about its work, which includes counselling, a pre-school group, food stop and drop-in centre.

Among the staff and trustees to greet him was chairwoman Bridget Wight, who first became involved with the centre 25 years ago.

The Bishop said: "The centre is a vital resource which brings hope for local people. I am impressed by the dedication and loyalty of the volunteers. Society would be much impoverished without the input of volunteers."

The visit concluded with the Bishop praying for the centre and the people it supports.

Next was a tour of Folkestone-based charity Operation Sunshine, which provides clothes and aid to African countries.

As well as talking to volunteers, chairman Sheila Lloyd showed the Bishop the containers of clothes, food and equipment stored at the charity's base in Capel-le-Ferne. After a prayer, the Bishop helped sort, fold and pack clothes for an aid shipment to Zambia.

Installed

In the evening, the Bishop attended a drinks reception at Risborough Barracks, Shorncliffe.

Guests included Folkestone mayor Janet Andrews and her Hythe counterpart, Keren Belcourt.

Finally, a question-and-answer session at the Tower Theatre in North Road was attended by almost 200 people. Chaired by Colin Johnson, of Elham Deanery, the Bishop answered a range of questions.

The Bishop was installed on Saturday, February 6, and oversees the Canterbury Diocese on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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BRIGHTON CHALLENGE: Sue Riley from Deal is prepared

Sue's in the running for debut marathon

MOTHER Sue Riley is preparing to take part in the first Brighton Marathon to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Cystic fibrosis is one of the UK's most common life-threatening inherited diseases and claims three lives a week. Some 12,000 runners will be taking part in the inaugural Brighton Marathon on Sunday, April 18.

Sue, 43, from Deal, is running the 26.2 miles for the trust because there is a history of cystic fibrosis in her family.

The fitness consultant said: "This is my first marathon, so although I enjoy running it will certainly be a challenge. The knowledge that I will be raising funds to help see off the disease will spur me on to the finish line."

Visit www.justgiving.com/sue-riley1966 to sponsor her.

Solid support for strike over cuts, claims union

■ BY NICK AMES

CUSTOMS and immigration officers based at the Port of Dover and the Channel Tunnel employed by the UK Border Agency joined civil servants in a 48-hour strike this week.

Border controls across the south were affected as members of the Public and Commercial Services Union staged the walk-out on Monday and Tuesday in a row over cuts to redundancy pay.

A union spokesman said on Monday: "The strike has been very well supported and, while we don't want to go out, that shows the strength of feeling among our members. At Dover around four to five people came in, tops, and that includes some very senior managers."

"We have four teams in operation at the Channel Tunnel – between 40 and 50 people – and just a couple showed up for work. The union has been very solid over this issue."

The action also involves Jobcentre and Land Registry staff, tax-workers and courts staff.

Union officers say it has been called as the Government wants to save £500 million by capping pay-offs to those who are made redundant or take voluntary redundancy.

The spokesman said: "With civil and public-service jobs increasingly at risk, this is a cynical attempt to cut jobs on the cheap which will ultimately damage the services we all rely on."



MUM'S SECRET TREAT

Sunday is Mother's Day and The Secret Gardens Of Sandwich is setting up a special event for the celebration. The gardens are just beginning to blossom after the long winter, with more than 40,000 bulbs emerging and trees bursting into bud in the Edwardian walled gardens that surround The Salutation, the Lutyens-inspired manor alongside Sandwich Quay.

A spokesman said: "As well as taking a tour of the gardens, you can treat your mother to tea in the Edwardian tea rooms. Sandwiches, homemade scones, cakes and a choice of fine teas, beautifully served in fine bone china, is the perfect way to round off your tour of the gardens."

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HEATHER CHANTLER



Q Tell us something about yourself

A I have lived in Kent since I was a little girl. I went to school in Ashford at Highworth Girls School, then, after going to university in the Midlands, returned to do a post-graduate certificate in education at Canterbury. I now live near Deal with my partner Nigel and my two lovely children, Arun and Jay.

Q How did you first become involved with the RSPB?

A I have been working for the Royal Society For The Protection Of Birds for seven years, first as a field teacher and then in my present role as the lifelong learning officer.

I have been interested in nature conservation and in particular birds for as long as I can remember. My dad's love of nature was a great inspiration to me as a child and he would take us out into the countryside to show us wildlife. So when I had the chance to come to work for the RSPB I jumped at the chance.

Q What do you do within the organisation?

A As lifelong learning officer my role is to organise our education programme at the nature reserve.

We welcome schools throughout the year to explore and enjoy the wildlife here. We go pond-dipping, mini-beast-hunting, birdwatching and lots more besides. We also visit

schools, showing them how to look after the birds and other wildlife around their grounds. We also have events for families and adults on and off the reserve throughout the year.

Q What is it you most enjoy about your role?

A I love my job here at Dungeness. Not only is it a wonderful landscape to work in – every day I drive down the nature reserve track and think to myself how lucky I am – but I love seeing the children I meet enjoying nature, exploring as I did as a child and finding out about wildlife for themselves. They are always so enthusiastic and I find myself learning a lot from them as well.

Q What do you think makes the reserve so special?

A The Dungeness RSPB nature reserve is a fantastic place. In the spring life bursts forth as our pond creatures wake after a winter sleep; during the summer the reserve shimmers in the heat and the wild flowers carpet the pebbles in blues and yellows; in the autumn we see birds stopping to refuel on their migration.

Even in the depths of winter, when the gravel pits are frozen and the wind is biting, there are bitterns, swans and ducks to be seen. There are rare creatures and plants here to be found all year round under the wide-open skies of Dungeness. I could go on and on.

Q What impact do you believe Shepway council's backing of the Lydd airport expansion could have on the reserve?

A The expansion of Lydd airport would have a huge impact on the nature reserve and on the lives of the people who live and work around it. The damage to the wildlife and to the environment of Dungeness due to pollution and noise would be immense.

There are so many issues that could impact on the reserve. The shingle habitat is so rare and fragile and the plants and animals that live here are at risk from climate change, sea-level changes and habitat destruction.

Q How can people find out more about the RSPB?

A We are open to everyone every day except Christmas Day and Boxing Day. We have a visitor and education centre and shop, and a nature trail with wildlife hides. Phone us on 01797 320588, or visit www.rspb.org.uk/Dungeness.

Q What do you like to do in your spare time?

A I love walking in the countryside around my home near Deal with my children and I still go birdwatching at the weekends.

I like to do yoga and go cycling and I watch my children playing rugby in Deal on a Sunday morning. My family and friends are very important to me, so catching up with them is up there on my list of priorities.

Q&A

The lifelong learning officer at Dungeness RSPB talked to **James Alexandre** about her love of nature, teaching the next generation and issues such as Lydd airport expansion that are threatening the reserve




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RAF fighter ace recalls the time turban saved his life

■ BY NICK AMES

AS the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain approaches, a Sikh fighter-pilot has told how his life was saved by the padding in his turban after he was forced to crash-land his aircraft near Dover.

Squadron Leader Mohinder Singh Puji, one of the few Indian ace flyers in the RAF, crashed-landed after his plane was badly damaged in a mid-air skirmish.

But he managed to get his Hurricane down in one piece and the young flyer crash-landed near the White Cliffs of Dover, where rescuers pulled him from the wreckage, suffering from a bad head injury.

Sqdn Ldr Puji, now 91, said his specially-adapted turban headgear – a requisite of his religion – even had his RAF wings sewn on to it. The turban acted as a cushion during the crash-landing, almost certainly preventing the young flyer's death.

He told of his daring wartime exploits ahead of the publication of his memoirs – *For King And Another Country* – later this year.

The RAF ace said: "The padding of my turban saved me. It was full of blood. I was taken to hospital but after seven days was back to flying again.

"In the fight a German bullet smashed into my dashboard and all my instruments were gone. I radioed for directions back to the near-



HERO: Sqdn Ldr Puji took part in the Battle of Britain

est landing strip. I could see the English Channel beneath – I really didn't want to bail out. I could see the White Cliffs and thought I would make it – then the landing strip appeared, with fire-engines around it.

"But as I put my landing gear down, fire took hold of the plane. Blood was pouring from my head, but the six feet of wound cloth of my turban saved me from worse impact injuries. People say 'You claim this as you are a religious man', but I really think it was the case. The aircraft was a total wreck."

Sqdn Ldr Puji's turban was fitted so the earphones could go over the top – and he even carried a spare in his cockpit.

He said: "The Nazis created havoc. That's why I felt I was fighting a just cause. I knew why war broke out and who Hitler was.

"Britain went to war to save Europe and I

went to war for Britain. I saw the people here and had admiration for them."

Sqdn Ldr Puji is surrounded by wartime memorabilia at his home in Gravesend.

He signed up for military duty after responding to an advert declaring 'Pilots needed for RAF' in an Indian newspaper.

After learning to fly in 1937, he was one of only eight pilots from the Empire colony deemed good enough for fighter duties.

Arriving in August, 1940, at the height of the Battle of Britain, the young officer flew countless missions against the Luftwaffe as they raided southern England.

He had another lucky escape when he was shot down by ground-fire from Rommel's Afrika Korps in the Western Desert.

He said: "I didn't know what to do. I sat on top of my plane and after a while saw a cloud of dust. I didn't mind who was picking me up, Germany or Britain. I started waving my shirt and luckily it was the British."

In all, Sqdn Ldr Puji saw action in five theatres of war – Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Palestine and Asia. He is the only man to hold that distinction.

After the war he resumed his career with Shell Oil before running an aerodrome for the Indian government.

Sqdn Ldr Puji, who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery, made headlines last year after campaigning against the BNP.

He was angered by party-leader Nick Griffin's use of the wartime Spitfire to symbolise Britishness.

New credit union launched to tackle loan-shark threat

A CREDIT union providing a safe alternative to loan sharks has finally been launched.

Kent Savers has been ready to begin trading since the end of October but has only just been given the green light by the Financial Services Authority, which has been accused of being overly cautious in the wake of the recession.

The union – which is a non-profit-making body offering loans of between £500-£5,000 – was launched at the Little Pebbles children's centre in Gravesend last week.

Alternative

Chief officer John Fowler said the location was specifically chosen to show families on low incomes that there was an alternative to borrowing money from loan sharks.

Earlier this year Kent Trading Standards revealed it had failed to secure a single loan-shark conviction in the previous 12 months, blaming it on borrowers being too scared to come forward and give evidence.

Such lenders often charge exorbitant interest rates, but the new credit union – which operates out of Gravesend's Old Town Hall but is accessible throughout the county – offers a fixed-rate interest of 27 per cent.

The union is targeted at residents who cannot guarantee earnings or have no equity and has been set up at a cost of £750,000.

A third of that figure was supplied by Kent County Council.

Residents will be able to access the Kent Savers union at one of the county's seven Gateways – in Ashford, Dover, Maidstone, Tenterden, Margate, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. Visit www.kentsavers.co.uk or phone 0300 456 9990 for more information.

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week's events at www.walkers.co.uk**



CALL THE TUNE: A female fan is serenaded by JLS, who were among celebrities in east Kent last week to record a new TV advert for Walkers Crisps, due to be broadcast from today. Gary Lineker, Frank Lampard and Jenson Button also feature.

Quick circuit of the town for F1 champ and friends

■ BY NICK AMES

SANDWICH played host to the stars as the latest Walkers Crisps adverts were filmed in the town.

Formula One champion Jenson Button drove a cab, hitmakers JLS performed at a school and comedian Al Murray hosted a pub quiz.

Past and present England footballers Gary Lineker and Frank Lampard also put in an appearance, coaching a local team. The adverts are due to air today (Wednesday) and all took the form of the public being stunned as they realised celebrities were taking on unfamiliar roles.

The town was chosen because of its name and the company's drive to promote a packet of crisps and a sandwich as a lunchtime snack.

"I got to drive a cab around town, a bit of a change from Formula One," Button said.

"The idea was that when someone called for a cab, it was me behind the wheel. People were pretty stunned, but the production team were saying it would be funnier if no one recognised me.

"I'd not been here before, but Sandwich is a wonderful town, very picturesque. It seems a long way from London. I drove down as I don't like being a passenger. Soon I'll be in Bahrain for the first race of the new F1 season.

"It's going to be an epic season, especially with Michael Schumacher back. I've raced against him before, but most of the time he was in a far higher-performance car. I have been



STEP ON IT: Formula One world champion Jenson Button at the wheel, with the members of JLS in the back of his cab

wheel to wheel with him in the past, though.

"Then I have a new team mate at McLaren – Lewis Hamilton. I've known him for some time and we get on well. But when you in a race, it's an individual thing."

Button's first job behind the wheel of the cab was to pick up the four members of X Factor runners-up and Brit Award winners JLS.

Band members Ashton Merrygold, Marvin Humes, Jonathan 'JB' Gill and Oritse Williams had flown in by private jet to Manston airport.

As word of their arrival spread, a group of young fans congregated outside The Bell Hotel and The Secret Gardens, where they were filming and relaxing.



LOOKING IN: Young fans gathered outside The Bell Hotel and The Secret Gardens to catch a glimpse of the celebrities

"It's pretty insane," said Marvin. "But you get used to it. We've just come off a tour and we were chased all the time.

"Trouble is, the guys used me as a decoy. At one hotel in Belfast there was a massive crowd, so I went down to talk while the others made an exit through the back. But then the tour bus drove off and left me being chased down the road."

The band had performed at Sandwich Technology School in front of an audience who thought they were going to the hall to listen to a lecture.

"The girls rushed to the front," said JB. "It was cool. They loved it when we started to play. Then the boys started dancing as well and really got into it. Sandwich is a great place and it's been fun."

BREAK TIME

Astor assurance over cuts in jobs

PARENTS who have children attending the Astor College For The Arts in Dover have been sent letters regarding cuts in posts.

It is believed that some teaching and non-teaching jobs at the school are due to go as a redundancy process takes effect in the coming months.

The number of students at the school is falling, so demand for staff has also decreased – although it is predicted that the school roll will rise again in the coming years.

The letter also reassures parents that the quality of teaching at the school will remain high.

“There will be no dilution of education or pastoral care and support,” it states.

“In fact, these have been steadily developed and strengthened over recent years.”

Falling role numbers have been affecting many schools across the county, forcing them to reevaluate class sizes.

Everyone can take cover at The Downs

THE 390 pupils at The Downs primary school in Walmer are to get to better protection from the elements with a new canopy.

Installation starts this month and the school says that not only will pupils and staff benefit when moving around outside the buildings, but parents waiting at the end of the school day will also appreciate having shelter from bad weather.



ENSEMBLE: School performers with guests. From left, Flying Officer Phil Baker, Christine Ledner, councillor Leyland Ridings, Mayor of Sandwich Joe Trussler, Dominic Shawcross and Ian Barwood, Sergeant Duane Barwood's father



IN TUNE: Kyanna Hayes is congratulated by Phil Baker

Kyanna's talent calls the tune

SANDWICH Technology School's inter-college music competition was started in 2009 as a tribute to Sergeant Duane Barwood, who lost his life serving his country in Iraq.

Although the trophy is named after Sgt Barwood, the school says he represents all the British service personnel who have given their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Staff and pupils agreed that the 2010 competition, held on Friday, February 26, was inspiring and built on the success of 2009's inaugural event.

A range of performers – from vocalists to

instrumentalists – showcased their rich talents.

It proved to be a closely-fought contest that came down to a note-by-note tussle between Kyanna Hayes, of Endeavour College, and Liberty College's Miranda Amess.

But there could only be one winner and Kyanna took the title of outstanding performer.

Union was the winning college overall, claiming the Sgt Duane Barwood Music Award Challenge Trophy.

Watched by Mayor of Sandwich Joe Trussler, local authority governor Leyland Ridings and parent governor Christine Ledner, the engraved-glass trophy was presented by Flying Officer Phil Baker, who in his speech

emphasised the importance of music to service personnel in operational areas.

Deputy head-teacher Jon Boyes said: “This year's competition was a great success. I was amazed at the talent demonstrated by so many of our students.”

That sentiment was echoed by musician Dominic Shawcross, who was the competition's adjudicator.

Mr Shawcross praised the quality and diversity of the performances, which made the job of selecting a winner extremely difficult, he said.

Staff agreed it had been a pleasurable and successful day for performers and the audience alike and confirmed that plans for next year's event were already in hand.

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YOUR LETTERS

False premise that led to bad decision

Open letter to Robert Bliss, leader of Shepway council:

Regarding Shepway council's decision on Thursday, March 4, to back expansion of Lydd airport, this application was passed on a false premise.

You were only entitled to accept the application if you could be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the proposed expansion would not damage the environment. That is the law.

I have yet to grasp the legal basis that entitled Malcolm Dearden to cut and paste two reports to make a new report and at the last minute introduce that new report as the report by which you were to be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt.

Perhaps you would be good enough to provide me with the legal – and also moral – chapter and verse for this unusual amalgamation.

What I witnessed via live webcam has convinced me beyond reasonable doubt that the majority of the council was, shamefully, happy to operate a political conjuring trick.

In spite of due legal process, the debate was adroitly passed off as a debate between jobs and nature, which it never truly was.

Thus the people of Shepway (and elsewhere), unaware of the night's proceedings, woke the following morning invited to believe that the 'heroic council – facing down the cranks – has saved and created jobs for our young people'.

However, the people are not that daft. Nor are your very own officers or environmental experts!

Alison R Noyes
Dungeness

Verdict belonged to the 19th century

The Lydd airport expansion is a disastrous and short-sighted decision.

Local councillors pressured by a big gun. The councillor trumpeting "people come first" should examine his own words. Airport expansion is no good for the environment. Therefore no good for people.

Air travel is dying. This is about short-term profit for long-term damage. Shameful. This is the 21st century, not the 19th.

Joss Malone
comment on yourshepway.co.uk

Shepway Tories show their shade of green

Shepway council's decision to support Lydd airport's expansion plans is another nail in the coffin of Conservative claims of environmental concern.

This decision will be harmful to birdlife, will increase aircraft noise, which is known to increase blood pressure and stress, and may well generate demands for road

your blogger

Gary Wright puts his weight behind a 'fat tax' being issued by airlines on obese passengers...



FAT people are set to face a cash penalty when they travel as profit-hungry airlines try to cram more people on to flights.

Most of us may agree, but this week tall people came out in support of the overweight.

I fail to see the link. One group of people are unfairly penalised because they have ridiculously long legs and need more space. Not their fault, just genes.

The other group have made a lifestyle choice that means they take up two seats... that's just greedy and inconsiderate to fellow travellers.

Charging porkies more makes sense to me and to the 76 per cent of people who were in favour of a 'fat tax', according to travel-search website Skyscanner.net.

Cry discrimination all you want, but lard-arses who don't fit standard airline seats should be prepared for heavier ticket prices.

Anyone who has suffered long flights with the person in the next seat flowing over the arm-rest knows it makes sense. If you choose to pack more than the luggage allowance, you pay more, so the same rule should apply to excess bingo wings.

But the lure of cheap Sangria and a Mediterranean fry-up mean that fatties are not going to roll over and take it (they probably can't).

Lanky Simon James, a 6ft 5in man from Edinburgh, observed that airlines already discriminate against the tall.

He said: "Everyone's talking about fat tax, but tall

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infrastructure in the area which the taxpayer will be expected to meet.

Each year, civil aviation is already getting about £9 billion in subsidies from the Government, particularly towards transport infrastructure serving airports.

Each year, emissions from aviation in Europe increase by about six per cent – the rate of increase of any sector.

It is impossible to fight climate change by expanding airports.

It is also clear that both Lydd airport and Manston, like other regional airports, showed losses before the recession.

Why on Earth would councillors in Shepway want to fly jobs out of the country by supporting tourism elsewhere in the world?

Lydd, like Manston, can and should be an all-weather leisure site, not an airport.

The rising cost of oil, and the impact of rising energy and food bills on household spending, may well curb this planned airport expansion before real damage is done. Let us hope so.

Steve Dawe
Kent Green Party

It's not too late for a different vision

The decision by Shepway council last week to allow planning permission for Lydd airport expansion shows just how myopic and short-termist the authority is.

tax has been around for years. I always request an exit-row seat, but there's no guarantee you'll get one. On many budget carriers, I have to pay for the privilege of choosing a seat or boarding first."

Yet in the next breath he seemed to be sticking the same boot in the fleshy behind of fatties as everyone else.

Simon said: "I have sympathy for overweight people, but at least the vast majority of them can lose weight if they choose. Tall people can't get any shorter. People come in all shapes and sizes, and airlines should accommodate us all."

Nice one. "The vast majority of them can lose weight"...

Many airlines charge a premium for seats with extra leg room, for example Qantas charges an additional \$160 on some flights for an exit-aisle seat.

Kevin Smith, famed American film director and actor, was the latest passenger to get involved in the airline fat-tax row after he was ejected from a Southwest Airlines flight after his bulk was deemed a safety risk.

If he was between me and the aisle, I'd agree, too.

Airlines should just get on with it, fit some bigger seats and charge according to weight and waist measurement.

Of course, there could be a sliding discount: fat mum sitting between her two kids will still be three seats – she can overflow and they'll be used to the smell.

Want to save cash flying? Lose a few pounds... well, stone.

Public inquiry into expansion needed

District councillors have ignored the recommendations of their planning officers and voted to support Lydd airport's planning application for a runway extension and new terminal.

Lydd Airport Action Group's legal adviser, Matthew Horton QC, has confirmed that the decision is contrary to European law as the councillors have not correctly interpreted the Habitats Regulations.

We have requested that the Government Office of the South East call in this planning application for a public inquiry as it fulfils four of the five criteria used to assess whether a public inquiry is applicable.

We are confident that the decision will be overturned in a public inquiry on the correct interpretation of the European Habitats Regulations.

Other important factors include nuclear safety, an issue that was dismissed by Shepway council.

Lydd Airport Action Group believes that the risk of crash damage is too high and can demonstrate that the methodology used to assess crash-damage risk cannot account for the high specific risk at Lydd airport.

Ray Duff
Folkestone

Louise Barton
Lydd Airport Action Group

A great night out helping our heroes

The Help For Heroes campaign is a way of raising money for injured servicemen and women who return from conflicts.

Its purpose is to help them and raise money for such things as adapting their homes so they can lead as normal a life as possible.

On Saturday, March 20, a show that has some of the best young talent in the area is being held at Dover Town Hall.

The show is almost complete and the youngsters aged from nine to 20 are ready to show their talent, so now all we need is you!

The show starts at 7pm and costs £5, with all money raised on the night going to H4H, and we can offer a free minibus to and from the show thanks to one of our sponsors, A2Z minibuses.

We have music from the shows, dancing and young people playing a selection of musical instruments in a variety-type show.

Tickets are available from La Salle Verte, Curiosity Of Dover, Dover Town Council offices, Dover Visitor Information Office, London Road post office and Crabble Corn Mill, or by phoning 01304 212277 or 079062 79039.

Remember, not only will you be seeing some of the best young talent in the area but you will be helping our returning heroes.

There will be a few surprises in the show as well. We need you, so please come.

John Goodwin
Dover

Sorry end for pony on Whinless Down

We would like to thank all the people who tried to help rescue the Konik pony that had slipped over in the mud on Whinless Down nature reserve on Monday, February 22 – it was a cold day with continual heavy rain.

The White Cliffs Countryside Project received a call from a member of the public at about 3pm. A member of WCCP staff went up there immediately to see what he could do to help the pony.

There were already some kind and caring members of the public present.

Additional WCCP staff went up to the scene to help and a vet was already in attendance.

Under the vet's guidance the WCCP staff and members of the public tried to move the pony and help it to its feet.

But it was too weak and we were unable to get the pony to stand, so we called for the help of Kent Fire And Rescue Service's animal-rescue unit.

Unfortunately, we ran out of daylight. As soon as it got dark the temperature dropped and the pony was just too cold.

Despite hours of trying, it was not possible to revive the pony and get it to stand.

The vet decided that the kindest option was to put the animal down

as it was going to die.

The White Cliffs Countryside Project, Wildwood (which owns the Konik ponies) and Dover District Council (the owner of Whinless Down nature reserve) would like to thank all the members of the public who went out of their way to help the stricken Konik pony.

Thanks also to the vet and to all the crew of the Kent Fire And Rescue Service's animal-rescue unit from Faversham (16 members in total) who worked tirelessly, considerately and professionally to try to save the pony.

The Konik pony was taken back to Wildwood, where an autopsy was to be carried out to ascertain any underlying health problems.

Please, if anyone sees or hears of any grazing animal in distress on the sites around Dover, please contact the WCCP on 01304 241806 immediately and, if you can't get through to WCCP, please ring the police.

The telephone numbers are on the posters that are up on site at each gateway.

Please don't delay – call immediately. If we had been informed earlier in the day, we might have been able to save the pony.

The White Cliffs Countryside Project team
and on behalf of The Wildwood Trust

Cycleway plans are so unfair to drivers

Open letter to Kent Highway Services re. Phase 1 of a proposed cycle route:

Further to the limited responses allowed on your box-tick form, these are our reasons for viewing your proposal with overall disfavour.

This is just one phase of a continuing move to encourage 'healthy' and 'green' cycling and walking, which by default appears to involve discouragement of motorised private transport – in particular cars.

The Association Of British Drivers has nothing against pedestrians and cyclists (apart maybe from a few of the most irresponsible ones) and agrees that there needs to be transport choices (especially in large metropolitan areas – which Dover is not).

Where we differ, however, is that this is being implemented by what amounts to 'coercion' – giving preferences to certain groups at the expense of drivers.

Drivers pay an almighty lion's share of the cost of maintaining highways, only to be increasingly 'driven off the road' to the benefit of those who do not contribute by

paying to use highways.

Just one example of this is Woolcumber Street, where cycle lanes have taken a swathe of former parking places.

We feel the same way about the growing numbers of bus-priority and bus-only schemes.

Consequently, although as a volunteer organisation we do not have resources to challenge every scheme proposed in Kent, you may expect to hear from us regarding future ones that we regard as worst examples, particularly where we have active local members.

The River Dour Cycle/Walk Phase 1 may well represent a worthy ideal – we agree to provision of off-road cycleways where practical and not to the detriment of other road- or footpath-users.

I submit that much of this scheme does not meet this criterion.

It involves the taking of road space and shared space with pedestrians without sufficient extra width provision to a degree that the scheme has more points against than for and we believe should be abandoned or at least drastically cut back.

To come to details:

- Buckland bridge: Widening the foot/cycle bridge itself is a good idea, but we object to the unnecessary build-out and

reduction of road to one carriageway.

The one-way system is almost all two-lane. Traffic tends to get into the correct lane for its destination before this point. To 'pinch' it into one here is folly. It will create more queues at busy times from the traffic lights and make life more difficult for anyone entering the traffic flow from Buckland Church or Bunkers Hill.

There is the matter of more parking bays being here – under different circumstances we would like that, but not at the expense of risking jamming the traffic.

More traffic queues here would automatically result in an increase in emission fumes – so if you have created this situation, please don't blame the drivers should pollution levels give cause for complaint.

- I assume the sections along Brookfield Place, Alfred Road, Lorne Road, Crafford Street and Dour Street will simply be a signed route along existing side roads. No problem there – it's a good idea to route cycles away from main roads.

I do wonder if the riverside Barton Path is wide enough to be suitable – are any segregation measures planned for pedestrians? • Buckland Avenue and Cherry Tree Avenue: another stretch where we should lose road-space for a cycle lane (which would be contraflow to

other traffic). Also I think it will involve loss of parking spaces in Cherry Tree Avenue itself. Parking for shops here is already scarce and the smooth flow of traffic through this traffic-light junction should not be put in jeopardy. Like the Buckland bridge narrowing, this is unacceptable to us.

- Even worse is the Charlton Green plan. The reasons are the same: removal of road space and parking for (contraflow) cycle lane.

South of Morrison/Netto, the road is narrow enough as it is and the area is a very busy one – with more housing planned.

Why can't the cycleway be off-road? There is a footpath already for part of this section – and probably space to utilise the edge of the store car park.

We have all these flaws in just Phase 1 of what is planned. It is questionable whether Dover is suitable for such schemes at all.

We have tried to be positive over those few elements of the scheme that we see as good and not to the detriment of drivers.

Overall, however, this has to count as a formal objection and should be treated as such should you take it further and Road Traffic Orders be used.

Ian Taylor
The Association Of British Drivers

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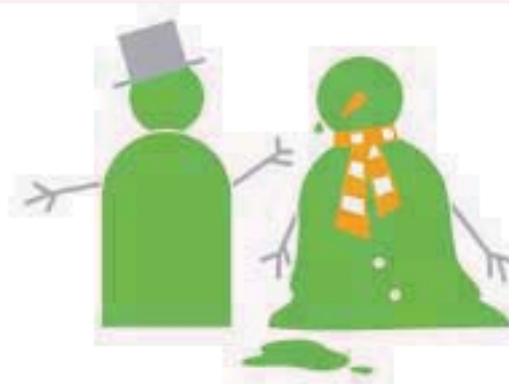
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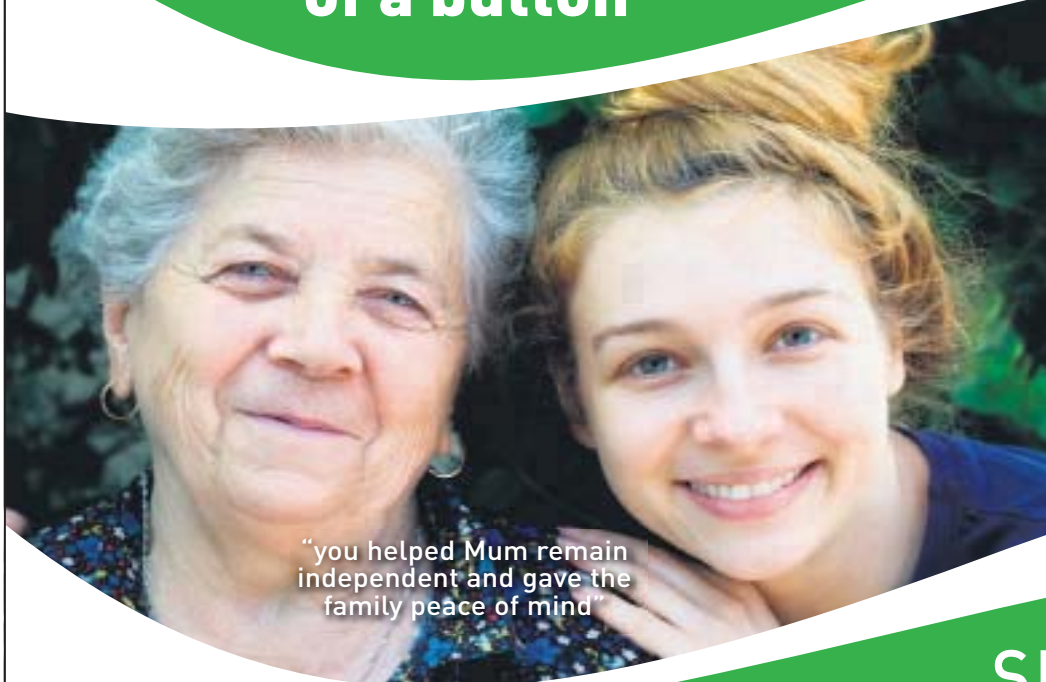
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Stars join forces in real-life story of father who saved his kids' lives

■ BY KATE WHITING

THE hardest thing for any parent is to see their children suffer.

John Crowley and his wife Aileen were devastated when they learned that two of their three children suffered from Pompe disease, a rare genetic illness that would kill them.

Rather than give in to despair, they made a pact: Aileen would look after the children and John would quit his job as a financial consultant to find a cure.

With no experience in medicine, John met scientists and researchers, raised millions of dollars and set up his own pharmaceutical company to produce an enzyme that would help his children.

Harrison Ford read an article about the Crowleys in the Wall Street Journal and the film is based on Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Geeta Anand's book *The Cure: How A Father Raised \$100 Million – And Bucked The Medical Establishment – In A Quest To Save His Children*.

"I thought Geeta's book had something to say about personal courage, initiative, parents' love and the power to overcome extraordinarily difficult circumstances," says Ford.

Ford, also an executive producer on the film, chose Crash star Brendan Fraser to play John Crowley.

While the film compresses six years of strife into just 100 minutes, and the myriad scientists who helped Crowley are represented by one fictional character, Dr Robert Stonehill (Ford), the real-life story of Crowley's efforts is much more complicated.

Once he'd set up his biotech company and developed an enzyme that showed potential, Crowley sold his firm to Genzyme Corp for more than \$100m so the larger company could get the drug tested and into production.

But his children Megan, then five, and his youngest son Patrick were deemed too old to be tested in the first round of trials. As they got steadily weaker Crowley tried everything to



WORKING TOGETHER: Harrison Ford and Brendan Fraser as Dr Robert Stonehill and John Crowley

get them on to the drug.

He secretly approached a hospital about conducting a 'sibling trial', which would show how children responded differently to treatment.

But when Genzyme found out, they refused to deliver the drug for the trial because Crowley worked for the company.

Brendan Fraser, 41, who has three sons, says he understood how John Crowley felt.

"When you're a parent you can't deny the instinct to do whatever you can to ensure your children's health and wellbeing and, in this case, to see that they stay alive.

"It's poignant that Crowley took a great deal

of satisfaction in telling his daughter that she gets a shot at being an old lady.

"Before, this heart-breaking disease took the lives of kids who usually didn't make it past the age of eight. But through the efforts of John and this team of scientists, doctors, researchers and investors that he galvanised around him, he saved his kids' lives."

Fraser admits he felt an "obligation to embody who John is" on screen, both his stoicism and his humanity.

"He is one of the most principled individuals I've ever met," he says. "But at the same time I had to allow him to be someone who the

audience can identify with, not just a superhero dad."

Both actors admit the experience has made them value their own children more. Ford, who has five children and three grandchildren, believes parenting improves with age.

"There's nothing like the company of young kids to keep you on your toes and remind you of the pleasure of learning. It's exciting to be around them."

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YOUR TV REVIEW

THE BUBBLE: BBC2 10pm, Friday
FILM 2010 WITH JONATHAN ROSS: BBC1, 11.35pm Tuesday

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE world didn't really need another panel-based show.

We have *Mock the Week*, 8 out of 10 *Cats*, *Buzzcocks* and a load more, which I've either missed or am too lazy to list.

But with *The Bubble*, the BBC has at least deviated somewhat from the well-worn, and often boring route.

Presented by David Mitchell, who, for me is one of the most original comedy thinkers in the country, the show sees three celebrities voluntarily step into a "news bubble" for a few days.

This involves cutting themselves off from the stories that are filling the newspapers, internet and TV.

Mitchell then feeds them stories, most of which are totally made up, to sift through and decide which are real and which are piffle.

It's a little like *Call My Bluff*,

minus the blue-rinsed duffers, and is actually pretty good.

It's amazing to see the stories that the guests deem to be real, but the world is a crazy place and it just goes to show that you never quite know what bizarre stories will crop up.

WHEN Jonathan Ross walks away from the BBC it will leave a gaping hole in its radio and TV schedules.

Personally I think it's a good thing that his Friday night chat beast is laying down to die.

This is not America, where the chat show is king and hosts such as Leno and Letterman sit in their chairs for decades on end.

It seems to have run its course here and Ross talked more about himself

than the guests anyway, which kind of defeats the point.

However, Wossy as host of the *Film...* series, once the kingdom of Barry "and why not" Norman, is a much better broadcaster.

He knows his stuff, and has never been afraid to speak his mind, which must be a tricky task when many of the stars of the latest films turn up on his chat show.

I hope the Beeb will continue this show, which is something of an institution, running as it has since 1971. Ross's knowledge of quirky cinema will especially be missed, as will the short *Inside Hollywood* features, praised by film fans.

An ideal replacement for Ross would be Mark Kermode, probably the nation's best known film critic, but whether he could pull it off is another matter.



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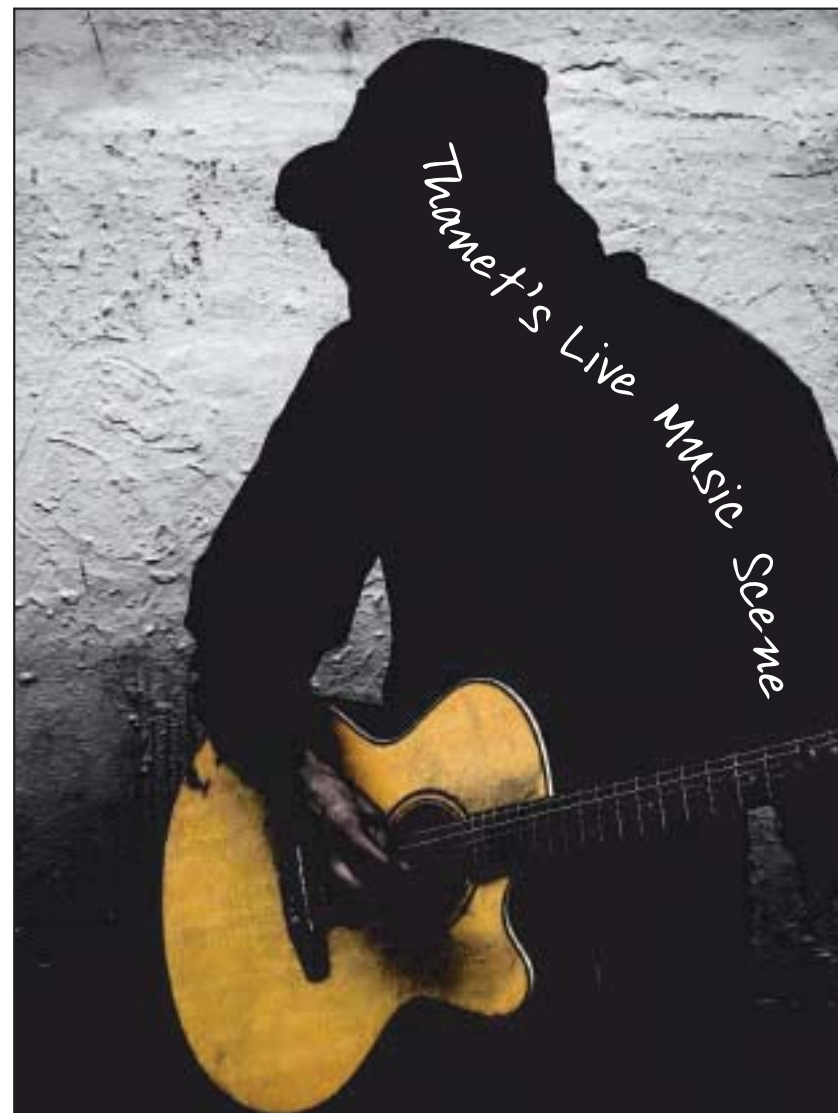
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Sparkly tribute to King of Pop

WHO'S BAD

Wednesday, March 10
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CELEBRATE the life and work of the King of Pop at the thrilling party show, Who's Bad.

Millions of fans were grief-stricken when Michael Jackson died last year, leaving a legacy of timeless pop songs that continue to fill dance floors to this day.

From his early days as a child prodigy with the Jackson Five to his phenomenally successful solo career, Who's Bad pays tribute to a global superstar and his extraordinary catalogue of work.

Billed as 'the ultimate tribute band', Who's Bad takes audiences on a musical journey through the legacy of this unforgettable artist. Complete with glittering gloves, sparkly jackets and authentic 80s regalia, the band comes direct from the US to rock its way through three decades of Jackson's spectacular career.

Jackson fans are sure to hear their favourite hits during the show as the band's song list includes Billie Jean, Can You Feel It, Earth Song, Man in the Mirror, Thriller, Smooth Criminal, Another Part of Me, Beat It, The Way You Make Me Feel, Don't Stop Til You Get Enough, Blame It on the Boogie and many more.

A much-loved though often controversial figure, Jackson began his career as the talented lead singer of the Jackson Five in the mid-60s. This astonishingly gifted, assured young performer won fans with his singing and dancing skills and the band achieved many hits. Alongside his brothers, Jackson became a huge star, but it was later claimed that he had a troubled relationship with his father.

Jackson's fifth solo album, *Off The Wall*, was produced by the legendary Quincy Jones and became a huge success, earning Jackson a number of high profile awards. But he was determined to improve on the album's success with his next release and he was as good as his word. In 1982 he released *Thriller*, which remains the best-selling album of all time.

By now Jackson was one of the most famous men in the world and had really earned his nickname, the King of Pop. His captivating moonwalk dance continues to be impersonated and his look, as well as his music, made him a cultural icon.

Alongside his phenomenal success in the 80s, his personal life became the subject of increasing tabloid scrutiny. The apparent fading of his skin colour and changing appearance prompted a number of outlandish stories, claiming he slept in an oxygen tank and bleached his skin.

His Neverland ranch became a place of retreat for the star, who built his own fairground and bought exotic animals, including a chimp called Bubbles. He was twice accused of

Who's Bad promise to deliver your favourite hits in their own tribute to Michael Jackson



LEGACY: Who's Bad are the 'ultimate tribute band'

child sex abuse, but the first case was settled out of court and Jackson was acquitted of all charges on the second occasion.

Jackson married twice – first to Lisa Marie Presley, though they divorced two years later and secondly to nurse Deborah Rowe, who gave birth to Jackson's first two children. The marriage lasted three years and Jackson retained full custody of his son and daughter. In 2002 he added a third child to his family, although the mother's identity was unknown.

Last year it was announced that London's O2 Arena would host a series of 50 comeback concerts and demand for tickets was enormous. But fans would be denied the chance to see Jackson perform live one last time – his death was announced on June 25, 2009.

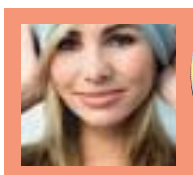
The essence of Jackson's spirit was captured in Michael Jackson's *This Is It*, a documentary feature which showed rehearsal footage for the London concerts.

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HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, W/LTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 309734 **1**

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5'3", shoulder length curly hair, enjoys eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 **1**

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wiring and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 **1**

GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164 **1**

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5'4", medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **1**

PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440893 **1**

MAGIC IN MARGATE Loving female, 36, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **1**

DON'T LET ME DOWN Pretty, black female, 38, 5'4", like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446884 **1**

FAMILY ORIENTATED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5'8", slim/medium build, I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 446404 **1**

CUTE AS CAN BE

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FROM ME TO YOU Lonely and bored single professional Asian lady, 40, seeks genuine single solvent professional white male, 40-50, for companionship and more. Tunbridge Wells. Box 464925 **1**

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CALL ME Single, Asian lady, 41, living in Tunbridge Wells, I'm easygoing and fun loving and W/LTM single male to spend time with. Box 465481 **1**

ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037 **1**

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5'8", dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 59+-. Box 461129 **1**

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunet from Kent, 43, 5'10", likes bowling, eating in/out etc, looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 453048 **1**

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, gsoh, looking for a man with no issues and gsoh who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 **1**

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SWEET AS HONEY Petite, slim, honey-blond lady, 5'4", age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing, looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465 **1**

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459126 **1**

MUST MAKE ME LAUGH! Young mid 40's female, looking to meet a genuine single male for friendship and eventual long term relationship. Rochester. Box 855449 **1**

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 **1**

COME ON OVER Fun-loving gal, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Gillingham Box 854480 **1**

POSSIBLE LTR African lady, full figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5'8", attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoy jazz, travel, theatre. W/LTM decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617 **1**

NOTHING VENTURED... Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466286 **1**

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent, fun & sexy. Worldly Man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113 **1**

A REAL DIAMOND African lady, 47, honest, loving and caring, enjoy most things in life, looking for a male, 50+, for a LTR. Canterbury. Box 460999 **1**

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5'4", slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5'10", to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938 **1**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 **1**

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, W/LTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444595 **1**

ETERNALLY YOUNG Easygoing woman, likes most things in life, country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5'2", medium build, W/LTM genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635 **1**

NORMAL GAL Female, 48, divorced and happy, 5'7", looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 49 and over 30 a must. Maidstone. Box 866380 **1**

DREAM LOVER Petite blonde, young 49, loving, caring, enjoy music, walking, theatre dining in/out, looking for friendship and more with a genuine, caring and honest man. Rochester. Box 854822 **1**

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460886 **1**

ANY TAKERS? Divorced single mum, 49, 5'4", animal lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe a LTR. Ashford. Box 464557 **1**

BY MY SIDE Curvy woman, 49, 5'10", enjoys being by the sea, music, walks, meals out, cinema, cross-words, and reading. Seeking kind, caring man in the Maidstone area. Box 466608 **1**

ARE YOU LOVING AND CARING? Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5'15", medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089 **1**

JUST IMAGINE Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, W/LTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 883562 **1**

HERE AND NOW Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 445624 **1**

LOVELY BUBBLY Short 5'1yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gsoh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 **1**

MEANT TO BE? Very honest, reliable and trustworthy person, 52, 5'7", blonde with blue eyes, loves cinema, meals out and nights out, seeking sociable male with same interests. Ashford. Box 466150 **1**

CARING & PROFESSIONAL Female 49, 5'4", long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 417100 **1**

A HIGHER LOVE Looking for that special person, I'm a genuine lady, 54 but don't feel I'd like to meet someone to love and care for. Canterbury. Box 875551 **1**

IT COULD BE US Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5'10", slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent. Box 464601 **1**

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL... Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410 **1**

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS? Professional, attractive lady, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863 **1**

LIFE IS GOOD! Slim, attractive lady, 65, enjoy outdoors pursuits, dog walking, socialising and music, lots of time and life to give to the right person. Maidstone. Box 466636 **1**

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SMART MOVE Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854 **1**

MUSIC TO MY EARS Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914 **1**

WALKS ALONG THE COAST Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 **1**

PISCES OR CAPRICORN? Star-struck lady, 59, 5'3", medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes swimming, holidays, the sea; W/LTM tall man with good heart for love. Box 448240 **1**

DREAMS OF YOU Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448566 **1**

LOTS OF HUGS Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5'4", red hair/green eyes, slim build. Hythe, enjoys art and walks, seeking similar, intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002 **1**

SAY YES! Brighton lass, 61, 5'2", blonde, blue eyes, separated, likes going for drinks and socialising, 60's music and going to the theatre. Looking for a like-minded gent. Box 466107 **1**

SIMPLE PLEASURES Hi there, I'm a 61yr old lady, blonde hair/green eyes, medium build, loves dancing, walking by the sea and W/LTM like minded gent. Box 469467 **1**

THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE 53yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kind-spirited who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143 **1**

BRIGHTENING UP Cuddly lady, 61, 5'5", blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more. W/LTM tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 870214 **1**

BE YOURSELF Outgoing lady, 49, 5'0", tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals, and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate. Box 865760 **1**

LOVE ME DO Loving and caring lady, 63, 5'3", brown hair/eyes, likes most things in life, looking for a caring and considerate male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Margate. Box 460082 **1**

QUALITY TIME Widow, early 60's, likes dancing, drinks, gardening, socialising, and walks works, seeking good comp. Ramsgate. Box 460872 **1**

SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH... Loving lady looking for companionship, 63, 5'3", medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 464382 **1**

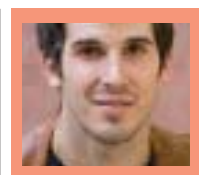
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NEW IN TOWN 61/2in, dark hair, brown eyes, fun to be around, 19, like going for a drink or two also staying in and watching whatever is on. Box 854602 **1**

TAKE A CHANCE Happy-go-lucky guy, 30, slim, brown hair/green eyes, likes rock music, gigs and pubs, looking for a female, 35-50, for good times and possible LTR. Box 466789 **1**

BOTTLE OF WINE Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5'8", medium build, brown hair, likes swimming, Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165 **1**

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN Seeking genuine lady, I'm a 38yr old male, 5'8", dark hair/blue eyes. I work hard and play hard, would like to enjoy spare time with partner. Box 449649 **1**

THE GOOD LIFE Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR, want to relax and enjoy life together, with the right woman. Box 858113 **1**

LOVE TO LAUGH Looking for a down to earth green eyed lady. Must have a sense of humour and laugh at life's little surprises! I'm 39 with GSOH... Hastings. Box 862208 **1**

FORECAST? 38yr old male with brown hair, big smile, big heart, and big personality seeks caring and affectionate lady for love in all weathers! Box 434270 **1**

THE TIME IS NOW Single parent, 40, 6'1", short dark hair, brown eyes, caring, considering, looking for lady for LTR and who's up for a laugh. Maidstone. Box 459005 **1**

LOOK IN MY EYES Romantic, fun-loving man, 40, 6'1", tall, with dark hair and brown eyes, looking for a kind, considerate and romantic female. Maidstone. Box 459006 **1**

HAPPY GO LUCKY Stocky, 5'8", male, 40, green-blue eyes, short hair, Virgo, GSOH, love swimming, walks on beaches, days out; seeking similar female for loving times. Box 455764 **1**

NEW IN TOWN Good-looking male, 39, fair hair, blue eyes, nice build and height, social, likes holidays, dining out, fit, seeking a woman to go out with. Rochester. Box 460825 **1**

FISHING & CAMPING! Fun-loving male, 40, not of many words, likes sports, music, reading and films, seeks company and companion. Snodland. Box 465333 **1**

MAKE YOUR MARK Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5'8", brown hair and eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, W/LTM some one trustworthy and caring. Box 448372 **1**

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Margate. Box 443750 **1**

JUST SMILE! Outgoing guy, fun to be with, I'm 42, a non-drinker, and would like to meet a similar lady in the Hythe area. Box 466462 **1**

ETERNAL FLAME Nick, 41, 6'1", slim, dark hair/blue eyes, likes cinema, country pubs and socialising with friends, looking for a kind, caring and considerate female, 35-45. Box 450339 **1**

SENTIMENTAL ROMANTIC Hi I'm Kevin, 43, kind and down-to-earth, 5'10", short hair, piercings, young looking, smart, love family life and socialising, seeking lady for quiet nights in. Box 452104 **1**

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GOOD LOOKING BLOKE Tall man medium build, 44, 5'9", brown hair/eyes, with an outgoing nature, looking for a female similar to myself with long hair. Box 871274 **1**

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD Sincere guy, 45, 6'1", slim, likes clubs, pubs, bowling, cinema, meals out, looking for a slim female for a stable relationship. Gillingham. Box 462529 **1**

ALONG THE SHORE Romantic male, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'6", caring and loving, likes cooking holidays, the countryside, bowling, cinema, seeking a similar lady 34-56. Ashford. Box 466863 **1**

A WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE! Single guy looking for love, 45, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'6", medium build, very caring and loving, likes holidays and theatre, seeks loving lady. Ashford. Box 466131 **1**

HONEST KID, caring and loving 44yr old man, slim, 5'11", dark hair/eyes, love walking, music, looking for black lady, no ties, 25-45, for a LTR. Maidstone. Box 453980 **1**

WITTY ACTIVE, adventurous, articulate male, 43, own home/car, enjoys shopping, good food, country walks, music, most things, seeks homely, warm, trusting female. Box 408508 **1**

TRY ANYTHING ONCE Tall chap, 44, medium build. Interests: walking, reading, swimming. I would love to meet a nice, honest and caring lady. Box 444566 **1**

FAMILY LIFE Happy-go-lucky dad, 46, sporty, keeps in good shape, own place, looking for an honest person to get to know well, possibly for relationship. Box 452446 **1**

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DENNIS LOCORRIERE AND ANDY FAIRWEATHER LOW

Monday, March 15. Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

MUSIC lovers can look forward to a double helping of talent when Dennis Locorriere and Andy Fairweather Low visit Folkestone.

The audience will enjoy two remarkable artists for the price of one on Monday. This inspired pairing is sure to provide an unforgettable evening.

Dennis Locorriere, pictured, will be familiar to people all over the world as the lead singer on all the great Dr Hook tracks, such as Sylvia's Mother, A Little Bit More and When You're In Love With A Beautiful Woman.

The band achieved more than 60 gold and platinum albums, but Locorriere is now a highly successful solo artist.

Andy Fairweather Low became famous as the lead singer of Amen Corner, but his fantastic guitar skills have been much in demand with the likes of Eric Clapton, George Harrison, Bob Dylan and Jimi Hendrix. He regularly tours with his own band.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £22.50/£20.50. Book at www.leascliffhall.org.uk or call 0844 847 1776.



ALL STARS BAND ANNUAL CHARITY CONCERT

Sunday, March 14. Winter Gardens, Margate



HURRY to secure your tickets for the All Stars Band's 21st Annual Charity Concert this weekend.

Just a few tickets remain for this wonderful event which features musicians from all over the UK and abroad. With a special guest conductor taking part, this year's concert promises to be even more captivating than ever.

After the bombing of the Deal barracks in which 11 young Royal Marines musicians died, the band was formed in 1990 to raise money for the new disaster fund. The success of the first concert led to the performances being continued as an annual event.

Most of the proceeds are donated to the Royal Marines Band Benevolent Fund and the Deal Memorial Bandstand Trust, with other charities also benefitting. Donations now total nearly £165,000.

The band's charismatic Director of Music, Captain David Cole, will be leading the band and this year's concert also features a guest conductor, Kenji Kawashima, pictured, of the Tokyo-based Rikutoikai Ensemble.

Tickets cost £11/£10 and are available from Cinque Port Music on 01304 362181.



MURDER MOST HORRID

Sunday, March 14. Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs



AMATEUR sleuths are invited to work out who-dunnit with comic mystery, Murder Most Horrid.

Set in a 50s holiday camp, the Perfectly Dreadful Murder Company's show features a hideous crime and the audience must try to identify the culprit before the end of the performance.

Things are in chaos at Butlitz Holiday Camp following the mysterious disappearance of the manager. Left in charge of the camp, his deputy is unable to keep on top of everything and his staff are also losing the plot. Dance teacher Edwardo is in urgent need of a new partner and the new children's entertainer appears to have a shady past.

Jane McDonut became a big star while singing on cruise ships, but now she is being sidelined by aspiring star Lucy Lastic, a chalet maid who spends a lot of time with the manager.

The show starts at 7pm and tickets cost £8 for members of the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club or £10 for non-members, who must book at least 24 hours in advance. Call the box office on 0845 262 6263. Tickets can also be reserved by emailing info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.



TREMBLING BELLS

Friday, March 12. Orange Street Music Club, Canterbury



WITH praise from top industry figures ringing in their ears, Trembling Bells are a band to watch.

Veteran rocker Paul Weller and record producer Joe Boyd, who worked with Nick Drake, both rate the band highly and now Kent folk fans have the chance to find out why.

Following the release of their debut album, Carbeth, last year – which Weller chose as his favourite album of 2009 – the band visits Canterbury on its mission to 'reanimate the mythical landscapes of Great Britain'.

Combining their love of tradi-

tional folk, early music and canonical rock, they have been delighting critics and audiences. Some have drawn comparisons with such folk-rock pioneers as Richard Thompson and the Incredible String Band, predicting a bright future for these extremely promising musicians.

Support will be provided by local band Syd Arthur in an acoustic set.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £6 in advance (£8 on the door) from the club on 01227 760801 or from Canterbury's indoor market record stall on 01227 470328.

JAMES SHERLOCK

Friday, March 12. Town Hall, Deal



VERSATILE musician James Sherlock opens a new programme of Spring Chamber Concerts.

Deal Festival of Music and the Arts has revealed its new season of events, which begins with the pianist's welcome return and this time he will be joined by exciting young violinist Kokila Gillett.

Sherlock was a winner of the BBC's Fame Academy: The Next Generation in 2007 and won a gold medal in the Marcello Galanti International Organ Competition in 2005. Much in demand as both a performer and communicator, he also works regularly as a conductor and organist.

Gillett has performed at high profile venues such as the Wigmore Hall and the Royal Festival Hall, while her television appearances include live work and a documentary about Tchaikovsky. She recently reached the string finals of the Over-Seas Music Competition, a prestigious contest that recognises the best musicians.

The concert will feature works by Bartok, Franck, Messiaen, Poulenc, Enescu and Ravel. Tickets, priced at £10, are available from The Sound House in Deal on 01304 381134. Discounts are on offer if buying tickets for more than one concert.



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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 First two questioning priest about making witty remarks (8)
 6 Make known it hasn't been provided by end of May (6)
 9 Continue performing during the drama (4,2)
 10 Senior pupil starts yelling giving warning (8)
 11 Extremely clerical dean (4,8)
 13 Contest simply about nothing (5)
 14 24 hours for one side of Sheffield (9)
 17 Drafee, he could have been covered in plumage (9)
 19 Cheerless half of Dickens' work (5)
 21 Seat in Berkshire? (7,5)
 24 Some archaic handle restored by general dealer (8)
 25 Some cheap rewards before 1939 (3,3)
 26 Mate will finish after Friday (6)
 27 Taking leisurely walk to Erica outside day by day (8)

DOWN

- 2 Unattractive sort of customer? (4)
 3 Convenience call? (3,1,5)
 4 Holding five pairs above river (6)
 5 Compunction concerning code (7)
 6 It isn't happening to be a disappointing occurrence (3,5)
 7 T-tour arranged by teacher (5)
 8 By a considerable margin at a distance (3,3,4)
 12 Alluring invitation to approach (4,6)
 15 Thus left coming from cellar with something for converting sunlight into electrical power (5,4)
 16 Snake in the grass jerked back (8)
 18 Do not include Rex in selected passage (7)
 20 Went speedily having moved from channel to channel (6)
 22 See 23
 23 & 22 Steps on granary floor (4,5)

QUICK CLUES

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- 1 Vain boaster (8)
 6 Bent (6)
 9 Predicament (6)
 10 War memorial (8)
 11 Speechless (4,3,5)
 13 ___-diving (5)
 14 Numerousness (9)
 17 Nearness (9)
 19 Appreciate (5)
 21 Very (12)
 24 Fairly large (8)
 25 Malfunction (6)
 26 Sound of a hen (6)
 27 Albert ___, US physicist (8)

DOWN

- 2 Regulation (4)
 3 TV (slang) (6,3)
 4 Bear witness (6)
 5 Diplomatic (7)
 6 Perverse (8)
 7 Quotient (5)
 8 Trek (10)
 12 Scarlet fever (10)
 15 Wheeled boat (4,5)
 16 Email cab (anag.) (8)
 18 Colourless hydrocarbon (7)
 20 Mischievous child (6)
 22 Twitch (5)
 23 Je ne sais ___ (4)

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AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

A NARROW-minded authority figure is making life miserable. You're tired of hearing their sermons. Unfortunately, you're not in the position to tell them to shut up. Fortunately, a dynamic friend or business partner is poised to rescue you from this stifling situation.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762


ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

A CLOSE relationship is suffering because of your critical attitude. You need to be more encouraging, especially of your loved one's plans. Deep down inside, you may think this idea is doomed, but that's just because your pessimistic attitude has clouded your vision.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752


GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

IT'S hard to feel romantic when you're overwhelmed with responsibilities. If you're in a relationship, beware of neglecting your partner. The two of you need to go away together. You don't have to spend a lot of money to enjoy yourself, but you should choose a destination with privacy.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

NEGATIVE thinking is driving opportunity from your door. Stop assuming the deck is stacked against you. If you encounter a cloud, look for its silver lining. A down in the dumps workmate makes your job difficult. Maybe you should just start work without asking them.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756


LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IT'S hard to know who to trust these days. You're tired of being crossed by an opportunist. Keeping your own counsel is safe, but not satisfying. You're the type who wants to share your life with someone special. Unfortunately, family life feels unstable.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758


SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

IT FEELS like a friend has an ulterior motive for being so kind. Trust your instincts; they won't steer you wrong. Writing your pal a letter of recommendation will backfire. You can't afford to risk your reputation on an irresponsible character like this.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760


PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

A HEAVY tax burden forces you to change the way you earn, save and spend money. If you're out of your depth with this situation consult a money manager. An exclusive club is getting a little burdensome. You're tired of adhering to oppressive rules and regulations.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763


TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU don't have the energy you normally do. On the plus side, your family is poised to relieve you of some exhausting chores. Don't look this gift horse in the mouth. An overbearing supervisor thinks you're trying to shirk your duties. Keep a low profile and try to stay out of their way.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753


CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU feel pretty reclusive, seeking to avoid the pressures of public life. Unfortunately, burying your head in the sand won't solve your problems. This will only compound them. Confront the person who has been pushing you around. You're tired of being treated this way.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755


VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

SELFISHNESS is driving a wedge between you and a loved one. You feel like your friend throws your hard-earned money down the drain. Maybe the best way around your problems is to have separate accounts. Then the rest of your money can be spent in a discretionary fashion.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757


SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

A LARGE institution makes it difficult for you to do what you please. For the time being, you need to play by some pretty strict rules. It won't be possible to find a new job in this economy, so you'll just have to grin and bear it. Fortunately, your boss is thinking about giving you a raise.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759


CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THE job security you crave is elusive. No matter how hard you try, you just can't seem to break through the glass ceiling. Part of the problem is an attitude of entitlement. Just because you have a lot of training and experience doesn't mean you are a shoo-in for a particular position.

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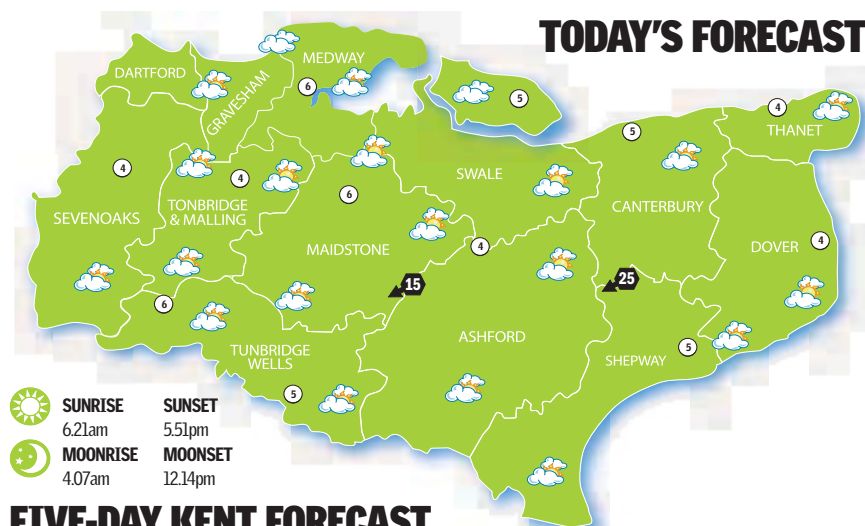


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| | Sunday | 12:14pm | 5.7m |
| Dover | Saturday | 9:59am | 5.9m |
| | Sunday | 10:32am | 6.1m |
| Dungeness | Saturday | 9:44am | 6.6m |
| | Sunday | 10:24am | 6.9m |
| Ramsgate | Saturday | 10:29am | 4.5m |
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AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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| Barcelona | 1°C | Paris | 4°C |
| Beijing | -2°C | Rome | 11°C |
| Bombay | 31°C | Sydney | 29°C |
| Cape Town | 36°C | Tenerife | 22°C |
| Cardiff | 4°C | Tokyo | 7°C |
| Gibraltar | 17°C | Vancouver | 8°C |
| Hong Kong | 16°C | Warsaw | -1°C |
| Las Palmas | 22°C | Wellington | 18°C |



REFITTED: The Allington Belle returns on Mother's Day

Mum's the word when the Belle is relaunched

PUSH the boat out for a fantastic Mother's Day treat at Maidstone's family attraction, Kent Life.

As spring finally arrives, the popular Allington Belle boat makes a welcome return on Sunday to give visitors a wonderful trip on the water. Over the winter, the boat underwent a well-deserved refit.

Taking a trip along the river will add an extra touch of magic to a day out at Kent Life, where visitors can learn about the county's fascinating farming heritage in a fun, informal way. Return boat trips depart hourly from 11am, weather permitting, and tickets cost £5/£4 for adults or £2 for children.

Learn more about the countryside and its residents by following the new wildlife discovery trail that gives an insight into the natural life of the area.

There are also opportunities to learn about period homes that can be seen at Kent Life, as John Howard will be offering guided tours from 11.30am, subject to demand.

With lots of animals such as horses, pigs, goats, donkeys and sheep to meet, Kent Life is offering fantastic family entertainment for Mother's Day.

Admission starts at £3 for children (under-threes get in for free). For more information visit www.kentlife.org.uk or call 01622 763936.

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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| Canterbury | 5°C | 5°C | 6°C | 8°C | 7°C | Maidstone | 6°C | 6°C | 6°C | 9°C | 9°C |
| Chatham | 5°C | 5°C | 6°C | 8°C | 8°C | Ramsgate | 5°C | 5°C | 6°C | 8°C | 7°C |
| Dartford | 7°C | 6°C | 7°C | 9°C | 9°C | Rochester | 5°C | 5°C | 6°C | 8°C | 8°C |
| Dover | 5°C | 5°C | 5°C | 7°C | 7°C | Sevenoaks | 5°C | 5°C | 5°C | 7°C | 7°C |
| Faversham | 5°C | 5°C | 6°C | 8°C | 8°C | Sittingbourne | 5°C | 5°C | 6°C | 8°C | 8°C |
| Folkestone | 5°C | 5°C | 5°C | 7°C | 7°C | Tonbridge | 6°C | 6°C | 6°C | 9°C | 9°C |
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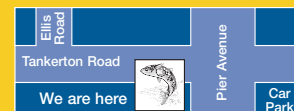
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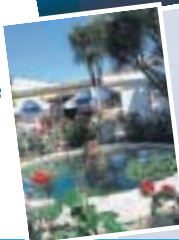
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A packed week at Hook festival



ECLECTIC: Dreadzone bring a fusion of reggae, techno trance and folk to Quarterhouse

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

JAZZ, indie, blues, pop and dub reggae are just some of the range of musical genres being performed at this week's Hook festival in Folkestone.

It's the second such event at the town's arts venue Quarterhouse since it opened last year.

Highlights include Barker and Shaw at the Movies this Friday March 12, where acclaimed jazz musicians Guy Barker and Ian Shaw celebrate the joy of cinema.

Mercury Prize-nominated trumpeter, composer and broadcaster Barker joins forces with Hythe jazz vocalist and pianist Ian Shaw for an evening dedicated to the silver screen.

Tickets for the show at 8pm are £12.50 with £10 concessions, and a £22 meal deal is also available.

On Saturday, March 13, energetic indie outfit Dogs take to the stage, fresh from touring with the likes of Paul Weller, Razorlight and The Enemy.

The band will be supported by Kent-based Autumn Few, The Flack and Nic Bennett with Club Buff DJs. Tickets are £7 and the night kicks off at 7.30pm.

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Maiuko, based in Folkestone's Creative Quarter, brings her blend of African sounds, jazz and blues on Sunday evening.

Preparing for the release of her next album Roots Harmonia later this year, Maiuko and her Quartet will be supported by Laye Sow and Paul Cheneour. Tickets are £7 in advance or £8 on the night.

Then at 8pm on Friday, March 19, Dreadzone bring their eclectic fusion of dub reggae, techno, trance and folk. Last year saw the band play to huge crowds at festivals and venues around the UK and Europe. Tickets are £14.

An evening of Salsa on Saturday, March 20, starts off with a class from Salsa Tiempo before hitting the floor with one of the hottest bands around, Palenke. Tickets are £12 or £10 concessions starting at 7pm, with a £22 meal deal.

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Saturday, March 27, sees Gabby Young and Other Animals play their unique experimental take on folk, indie and pop, supported by Kent-based Syd Arthur. Tickets are £8, starting at 8pm.

Free events for children include junk percussion show Bang On! on Sunday March 11.

To book call the Quarterhouse on 01303 858500, go to www.quarterhouse.co.uk or visit the box office in Tontine Street, Folkestone.



SHOPPERS' PARADISE: Chatuchak market is the perfect place to restock your wardrobe, with more than 5,000 stalls to choose from

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■ BY SARAH O'MEARA

UNLIKE Prague, Berlin and Paris, the capital city of Thailand – Bangkok – hasn't yet made it into the city break hall of fame.

However, as airlines cut long-haul fares to beat the recession, more travellers are likely to find themselves stopping off there, either as a curtain-raiser to the rest of this intriguing country or breaking their journey to some far flung shore for a dose of winter sun.

We'd wisely chosen a hotel that offered respite from the city's hub-bub, the newly-opened President Place Hotel in the business area of Sukhumvit.

Within easy reach of the main markets and historic centre of Bangkok, it still manages to provide luxuriously big rooms, free wi-fi and a swimming pool – all from 4,000 baht (£76) per night.

In the company of a girlfriend, we decided that before hitting the sights, including Bangkok's extraordinary Royal Palace, we needed to pay our respects to one of Bangkok's great cultural landmarks – Chatuchak market.

Open every weekend, this open-air, 5000-plus stall affair is well known among travellers as the only place to go for incredible bargains and a once-in-a-lifetime shopping experience.

Although prices have gradually crept up to match the spending capacity of the more wealthy customers, Chatuchak is still perfect for finding cheap clothes, jewellery and obscure presents.

Heaving with shoppers by midday,

FACT FILE: BANGKOK

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Time difference | +Seven hours (GMT) |
| Capital | Bangkok |
| Language | Thai |
| Population | 77,500,000 |
| Currency | Baht |
| Religion | Buddhist |

Sarah O'Meara flew with Thai Airways, which offers Bangkok return fares ex-Heathrow from £509 (two travelling) which include return domestic flights within Thailand to one of 12 destinations. Offer applies for travel until June 30 if booked by March 31. Room rates at the President Park Hotel, Bangkok, start at 4,000 baht (£76).



it's best to get there early (as it's a lot cooler), and accept that at one point you're bound to lose your companions.

As the second most expensive city in south-east Asia, behind Singapore, it can be easy to feel a little small in Bangkok. Edifices built with the profits of high finance soar up around you, filled with luxurious restaurants and extraordinary views.

It's easy for those with just a few baht in their pocket to wander straight past, but don't miss out on this side of the city just because you've got into the habit of spending £1 on lunch.

Head to the bar at the top of one of the hotels. These are open to everyone and are the most perfect setting for a cocktail.

Try the Banyan Tree's Moon bar,

which is located on the 61st floor.

Of all the five-star hotels overlooking the Chao Phraya river at the heart of the city, none sum up the feelings of old-school elegance quite like this 130-year-old hotel, which has seen Joseph Conrad and Ernest Hemingway walk through its doors.

Taking you back to a long-lost era of ceiling fans, lush indoor plants, wooden slatted windows and waiters, dinner on its charming terrace feels like an obligation, rather than a choice.

After two full body massages, followed by a herbal steam and scrub, we left the grandeur of the hotel's spa and hopped on to the hotel's private boat, which took us back across the river for dinner, dressed in our newly purchased dresses.

There are definitely worse ways to spend an evening.

MOTORS NEWS



Value for money Skoda winds up the Audi set

NO FAVOURS are sought or given at Volkswagen, judging by the way Skoda's Superb Estate bargain stacks up against VW posh brand Audi's A6 Avant.

The newcomer from VW's Czech brand starts at £17,715 for petrol versions with generous standard kit while the German exec model starts at ten grand more with a fairly ordinary spec for openers.

Most buyers though will surely check out the Superb diesel line-up from £18,185 also including a 'poor man's Quattro' 4x4 version from £23,770.



Mazda's economic new 6 a tax beater

ZOOM-Zoom motor brand Mazda has revised its company car star for 2010.

Dartford-based Mazda UK says the new-look Mazda6 hatchback and estate line-up (from £16,990) has been refreshed inside and out and Benefit in Kind tax, fuel economy and CO2 emissions improved – the latter are now as low as 138g/km.

Mazda UK sales and marketing chief Mark Cameron said: "Dynamic and engaging driving characteristics have also played a big part in the success of Mazda6 and they remain at the heart of the upgraded model."



Micra No4 a step up in the high-tech stakes

NISSAN has taken the wraps off its fourth-generation Micra supermini, due here this autumn.

The design does not look as mould-breaking as its predecessor, but the Japanese brand says the newcomer will break ground technically with an all-new three-cylinder petrol engine including supercharged, direct injection and ultra low-emission versions.

It will also be offered with a highly-efficient new generation Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT – automatic) – probably a sign of where smaller cars are going.

Cabin space should be good too with a longer wheelbase.



FAULT FEAR: The third-generation Prius is one of three million Toyota cars recalled by the Japanese motoring giant worldwide due to a potentially sticky throttle pedal

King of the motor world Toyota's annus horribilis

IT HAS been an uncharacteristically bad year for Toyota.

The Japanese giant recorded its first net loss in 59 years last May and is now embroiled in a worldwide recall of some three million Toyotas – nearly 181,000 in the UK – to sort out a potential risk from sticky throttle pedals.

And now its reputation as an eco-pioneer has been sullied by a recall affecting the third-generation Prius hybrid. Some 8,500 UK cars will need a software upgrade by dealers.

It's a dramatic twist though to the everyday story of Prius ownership; apart from dashboard graphics you can select, showing what the hybrid petrol-electric powertrain is doing what at any given moment, you soon forget that this is a cutting edge piece of kit.

For the five-door Prius (from £19,504) has become so mainstream, comfortable and well-equipped that it appeals to everyday users as much as well-heeled eco-warriors.

On the other hand, it highlights how dull it is to drive, especially once you slip into the 'eco-motoring' mindset needed to please the dashboard display.

At least it looks sleeker and feels lighter

ROAD TEST TOYOTA PRIUS

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

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| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Green rating | ★★★★★ |

on its feet though, thanks to a 90 per cent re-engineering of the hybrid system and auto gearbox.

The old 1.5-litre engine has made way for a new 1.8, bringing 24 per cent more power totalling 134bhp in tandem with the car's electric motor.

This gives equivalent performance to a conventional 2.0-litre family car and addresses the Mark II's Achilles Heel – poor motorway fuel consumption.

Cruising efficiency is said to be up 10 per cent now, with an official combined fuel consumption of 72.4mpg.

Driving deliberately as 'Mr Awkward' I couldn't get near that, but I reckon I was up in the 50s and 60s most of the time and despite one high speed dash of about 80 miles, so the big weakness has been put right.

The Prius also now has the lowest CO2 emissions (89g/km) of any UK family car and qualifies for zero road tax – the previous car was liable to £35/year – and can even be switched to EV (electric vehicle) running only, producing zero emissions for up to two kilometres at speeds up to 31mph – ideal for school runs and shopping trips.



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PROPERTY NEWS

Now is the right time to build it yourself

THE current situation sees a more favourable environment for self-build homes, according to one industry expert.

Increased land availability, falling prices and cheaper materials and labour mean there is a real demand from homeowners frustrated by the current property market, according to Raymond Connor, chief executive of construction supplier BuildStore.

"There has never been a better time or more affordable time, to build your own house," he said.

Mr Connor called on the Government and local authorities to recognise this trend and aid self-build projects.

Bank reviews range of new lending products

NATWEST Intermediary Solutions has added a buy-to-let product to its range, and altered the rates on other products.

The two-year fixed rate mortgage now offers an initial rate of 3.55 per cent up to a maximum loan-to-value of 70 per cent, with a £999 arrangement fee.

A buy-to-let two-year tracker mortgage has been added to the range, offering an initial rate of 4.99 per cent up to 70 per cent LTV with a £1,999 fee.

In NatWest's launch range the rate on its two-year tracker 90 per cent LTV mortgage has been increased to offer an initial rate of 5.69 per cent with a £999 fee and its three-year fixed rate 90 per cent LTV mortgage has increased to an initial rate of 6.59 per cent.

Experts predict bright future for landlords

AFTER 18 months of uncertainty for the buy-to-let market experts are predicting better times ahead for landlords, says specialist insurance website Coverlines

Experts say that property probably won't get any cheaper and there is still demand for good quality accommodation in the right location from tenants.

And while property prices have fallen, rents have not seen a similar dip.

According to research from Paragon Mortgages, a specialist buy-to-let lender, most landlords have been able to maintain their charges over the last couple of years, with a significant minority saying they have even been able to raise them.

But while properties are now cheaper, mortgages are not so easy to come by.



CHANGING TIMES: The post-war need to reduce urban sprawl has been replaced by the need to take climate change and quality of life into account, says Professor Beddington

Call to review strategy on long-term land use

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Government needs to overhaul the land use planning system to cope with future housing needs and the green agenda, its chief scientist has warned.

Professor John Beddington has warned the current land use system – which dates back to World War Two – is not fit for purpose in the 21st century.

He said that many of its statutes are dated and far greater provision needs to be made for environmental concerns which were simply not on the agenda more than half a century ago when the strategy currently being used was drawn up.

Acknowledged expert on environmental affairs Prof Beddington said post-war aims such as reducing urban sprawl have been met and that planners would now need to focus on problems like providing more residential and commercial development.

He made his statement in a report Land Use

Futures, which was sponsored by government departments Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Communities and Local Government.

Another vital factor to be taken into account is the overall quality of life for residents who will see things such as climate change have a lasting impact on coming generations.

He said more development would be needed in the next 50 years to cope with an ageing population, and development needed to be planned to reduce pressure on transport infrastructure.

Problems would be most acute in the South East, he added.

"Business as usual is not an option over the long-term," he said. "Without being smart about how land is used, we risk missing targets, such as halting biodiversity loss."

"The effects of climate change and new pressures on land could escalate, seriously eroding

the quality of life," said Prof Beddington.

He said the Government needed to make critical choices on the priorities for land use in different parts of the UK, how to accommodate more development while protecting landscapes, and how to promote use of the land that is sustainable.

Prof Beddington is a specialist in the economics and biology of sustainable management of renewable resources, and has previously advised UK ministers on scientific and environmental issues.

He chairs the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs science advisory panel and the Defence Scientific Advisory Committee, and is a member of the Natural Environment Research Council.

He has also advised the European Commission and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Professor Beddington was awarded the Heidelberg Award for Environmental Excellence in June 1997 and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2001

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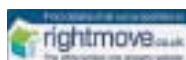
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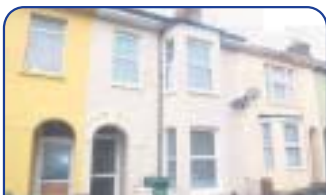
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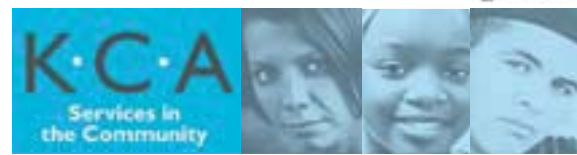
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BACK ON TRACK: Despite four yellow cards Dover battled hard to return to winning ways

RUGBY

Sharks bounce back with Chichester win

Dover 24 Chichester 8

DOVER reignited their London 1 South promotion challenge as they returned to winning ways with a comfortable victory against high-flying Chichester.

Following last week's postponement at Old Colfeians, the Sharks were eager to return to action and banish the memory of a surprise 11-5 defeat to Wimbledon.

The foundations for the victory were laid in the first 20 minutes of the game, which saw Dover play clinical attacking rugby. With three minutes on the clock, they opened the scoring through Ricky Mackintosh. Blair Charge added the extras. Two minutes later Dover increased the lead with another Mackintosh try.

Dover's attacking rugby continued to trouble Chichester, as they added a third try mid-way through the half from Jamie Townley. Chichester responded in the final minutes of the half with a penalty as they capitalised on a yellow card for Dover's Ed Blowers.

The second-half started with Dover being awarded a kickable penalty, but Charge's effort crashed against the post.

Within minutes of Dover returning to a full complement of players, the home side suffered their second sin bin of the game with Jon Foster being shown the yellow card. But, Dover moved closer to victory when Mackintosh completed his hat-trick.

Chichester regrouped and scored a try and they had chances to put more pressure on Dover, when Jack Tomlinson and Ben Vick were sin binned late on.

However, Dover's weakened defence held firm to complete a deserved victory, which keeps them second in the division. The Sharks face a trip to Chobham this Saturday.

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OFF TARGET: Adam Birchall (left) and Luis Cumbers (right) had Dover's best chances in a disappointing goalless draw against play-off rivals Braintree Town at Crabble



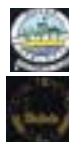
Whites draw blanks as race for play-off place heats up

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 0

Braintree Town 0



ANDY Hessenthaler remains confident Dover Athletic will make the play-offs despite being held to a goalless draw by rivals Braintree Town at the weekend.

The Whites struggled in the final third against a strong Braintree defence and missed the chance to move back into the top-five in Blue Square South. The second-half saw both sides go close to snatching the win, but neither could find a way through two well organised defences.

Despite the goalless draw Dover boss Hessenthaler firmly believes his side will finish

in the play-offs, but felt his side didn't deserve to win the game on Saturday.

He said: "I'm not a worried man, we're still in with a good chance of getting into the play-offs. We took the game to them and tried to do something slightly different, but we just didn't have the spark we needed up front. We didn't create enough chances, but that was down to the quality of the ball in the final third.

"It was a nervous game for both teams, but the draw is probably a better result for them than it was for us. We've only lost one in the last seven, but we have had too many draws."

In a game of few chances, Dover started brightly and could have taken the lead inside the opening ten minutes. Shaun Welford played in Adam Birchall, but the former Arsenal forward chipped over from a tight angle.

Nicky Southall was on the end of the only other chance of the half, which saw the mid-fielder blaze over the bar from 20-yards.

The second-half saw much more urgency in attack from both sides, but it was the visitors who threatened first. Substitute Robbie Martin's cross was met by former Ebbsfleet United striker George Purcell and his volley brought a stunning one-handed save from goalkeeper Ross Flitney.

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Abnett (Cumbers 72), Adelakun (Collin 72)

Dover responded shortly after with their best chance of the game. On-loan Gillingham striker Cumbers headed a Matt Fish cross goalwards and had to be cleared off the line by Braintree goalkeeper Craig Holloway.

Braintree finished the game the stronger of the two sides with Dover left hanging on to a draw.

Elsewhere at the club, central defender Daniel Leach, on-loan from Barnet, has agreed to extend his stay at Crabble by another month.

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A debut strike from Cass helps Folkestone stay top

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Metropolitan Police 0

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Cass 41

FOLKESTONE Invicta's superb season shows no sign of running out of steam as they ground out a victory at in-form Met Police on Saturday.

Brendon Cass scored the winner two days after signing from Chatham Town, giving the Seaside's a third successive win to stay a point clear in the Ryman South.

Invicta boss Neil Cugley described the result as the best away win of the season, no mean feat for a side which has won 11 of their 16 trips so far.

He said: "We deserved it, I don't think there was any question of that. Jack Delo didn't have much to do in the second-half because we defended ever so well again. They are a good side – big and strong and we had to show that side of our game, which maybe a year ago we didn't have.

"Every time we score first I think we go on to win the game. It must be frustrating for other



Picture: IOR KIPCO

Folkestone starting XI



Subs used: Spiller (Jackson 59), Williams (Cass 90)

COMMENTED: Injured Invicta skipper Jimmy Dryden has ended his contract early to help the club

teams because we're so difficult to break down."

The only goal of the game arrived four minutes before the break, Cass smartly finishing after Police goalkeeper Mo Maan cleared a ball straight to James Everitt.

Invicta saw out a 15th clean sheet of the season, with their only concern a knock to Jimmy Jackson, who was forced off just before the hour mark.

Cass impressed on his debut and could provide a welcome boost to the side in the closing weeks of the season. He effectively replaces Jimmy Dryden, who has barely played this

season with an ankle injury. The club captain has agreed to end his contract to help Invicta, but will stay around the squad while he waits for an operation in a bid to get fit in time for next season.

Cugley said: "Jimmy's been great, he didn't have to do that and he could've sat on his contract. He loves the club and we thank him for that.

"Brendon (Cass) did well, he's got good movement and as we get to know him better we'll improve our service to him. The lad wants to do well and sign for next season. Things haven't gone that well for him at Chatham, but when you're a manager you take gambles with every player and he's still top scorer for them."

Invicta hosted basement side Eastbourne Town last night, log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the details. Leatherhead visit Cheriton Road this Saturday.

RUGBY



Picture: IOR KIPCO

FORM: Folkestone saw off Park House for second win

Stones end drop talk after back-to-back victories

Folkestone 18 Park House 15

FOLKESTONE sealed consecutive league wins for the first time since the opening week of the season to all but end any fears of relegation with six games remaining.

Dan Sangiuseppe scored two early tries and another before half-time from Will Turner gave Folkestone enough of a cushion to hold off a second-half fight-back from Park House.

The hosts made a fast start, opening the scoring within two minutes of the start. Richard Lama punched a big hole through the visitor's defence and shipped the ball out for Sangiuseppe to dive over.

Folkestone momentarily switched to standby mode and Park House took advantage with their own good play to level the game at 5-5 a few minutes later.

A breathless opening then saw the Stones re-take the lead. Scrum-half Joe Hull threw a superb pass to Sangiuseppe, who finished well out wide. Chris Petley, troubled by a swirling wind, missed his second conversion attempt.

Near the end of the first-half a Park House player was penalised for an off the ball tackle as Folkestone surged towards the try line. The home side kicked the ball to touch and from the line-out Turner caught the ball and led his pack over the line for a 15-5 half-time lead.

Petley kicked a penalty to stretch the lead to 13 points early in the second-half, but despite playing with the wind Folkestone came to a halt.

As in the previous week against Medway, Folkestone's organisation fell apart and clever grubber kicks by the visitors twice put them in on the left wing to score easy tries.

Folkestone hung on up to the final whistle, giving them a second successive win to take into this weekend's game against Gosport & Fareham in the regional semi-final of the Senior Vase.

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| 6 Braintree Town | 31 | 13 | 13 | 5 | +10 | 52 |
| 7 Thurrock | 30 | 14 | 8 | 8 | +14 | 50 |
| 8 Dover Athletic | 31 | 14 | 8 | 9 | +11 | 50 |
| 9 St Albans City | 33 | 14 | 6 | 13 | +4 | 48 |
| 10 Welwyn United | 32 | 13 | 8 | 11 | +6 | 47 |
| 11 Bromley | 33 | 13 | 8 | 12 | +4 | 47 |
| 12 Woking | 31 | 13 | 8 | 10 | +2 | 47 |
| 13 Havant & Waterlooville | 31 | 11 | 12 | 8 | +1 | 45 |
| 14 Basingstoke Town | 33 | 12 | 7 | 14 | +9 | 43 |
| 15 Bishop's Cleeve | 33 | 10 | 7 | 16 | -12 | 37 |
| 16 Maidenhead United | 31 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 0 | 36 |
| 17 Dorchester Town | 33 | 9 | 9 | 15 | -14 | 36 |
| 18 Hampton & Richmond Boro' | 29 | 8 | 9 | 12 | -12 | 33 |
| 19 Worcester City | 33 | 7 | 8 | 18 | -12 | 29 |
| 20 Lewes | 32 | 4 | 13 | 15 | -18 | 25 |
| 21 Weston-super-Mare | 33 | 4 | 8 | 21 | -28 | 20 |
| 22 Weymouth | 33 | 4 | 6 | 23 | -54 | 18 |

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

| | P | W | D | L | Gd | Pt |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| 1 Folkestone Invicta (10) | 29 | 21 | 5 | 3 | +23 | 58 |
| 2 Croydon Athletic | 27 | 17 | 6 | 4 | +33 | 57 |
| 3 Worthing | 30 | 18 | 3 | 9 | +21 | 57 |
| 4 Fleet Town | 30 | 16 | 4 | 10 | +19 | 52 |
| 5 Walton & Hersham | 30 | 15 | 6 | 9 | +10 | 51 |
| 6 Godalming Town (3) | 26 | 16 | 3 | 7 | +17 | 48 |
| 7 Sittingbourne | 27 | 14 | 5 | 8 | +20 | 47 |
| 8 Burgess Hill Town | 29 | 11 | 9 | 9 | +5 | 42 |
| 9 Metropolitan Police | 29 | 11 | 8 | 10 | +1 | 41 |
| 10 Horsham YMCA | 32 | 10 | 11 | 11 | +2 | 41 |
| 11 Leatherhead | 27 | 12 | 4 | 11 | +11 | 40 |
| 12 Chatham Town | 31 | 12 | 3 | 16 | -13 | 39 |
| 13 Whyteleafe | 30 | 11 | 5 | 14 | +2 | 38 |
| 14 Ramsgate | 30 | 9 | 11 | 10 | +4 | 38 |
| 15 Mersham | 30 | 10 | 8 | 12 | +0 | 38 |
| 16 Dulwich Hamlet | 30 | 9 | 10 | 11 | -3 | 37 |
| 17 Corinthian-Casuals | 30 | 10 | 3 | 17 | -14 | 33 |
| 18 Chislehead | 30 | 8 | 6 | 16 | -14 | 30 |
| 19 Walton Casuals | 31 | 6 | 8 | 17 | -18 | 26 |
| 20 Whitstable Town | 28 | 8 | 2 | 18 | -35 | 26 |
| 21 Ashford Town | 27 | 5 | 8 | 14 | -31 | 23 |
| 22 Eastbourne Town | 31 | 4 | 10 | 17 | -32 | 22 |

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

| | P | W | D | L | Gd | Pt |
|------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|----|
| 1 Faversham Town | 21 | 17 | 2 | 2 | +39 | 53 |
| 2 Herne Bay | 18 | 14 | 4 | 3 | +22 | 43 |
| 3 Sevenoaks Town | 19 | 10 | 4 | 5 | +10 | 34 |
| 4 Beckenham Town | 20 | 9 | 5 | 6 | +12 | 32 |
| 5 Erith & Belvedere | 21 | 9 | 5 | 7 | +2 | 32 |
| 6 Hythe Town | 18 | 9 | 4 | 5 | +24 | 31 |
| 7 Erith Town | 19 | 8 | 5 | 6 | +6 | 29 |
| 8 Greenwich Borough | 19 | 8 | 5 | 6 | +6 | 29 |
| 9 Deal Town | 17 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 25 |
| 10 Tunbridge Wells | 20 | 6 | 7 | 7 | -2 | 25 |
| 11 Sporting Bengal Utd | 24 | 7 | 4 | 13 | -30 | 25 |
| 12 Holmesdale | 19 | 6 | 3 | 10 | -3 | 21 |
| 13 Norton Sports | 17 | 5 | 3 | 9 | -8 | 18 |
| 14 Corinthian | 21 | 4 | 3 | 14 | -25 | 15 |
| 15 Fisher | 20 | 3 | 4 | 13 | -25 | 11 |
| 16 Ludwood | 19 | 1 | 7 | 11 | -24 | 10 |

FIXTURES

Saturday: Blue Square South: Basingstoke Town v Dover Athletic; Ryman Division One South: Folkestone Invicta v Leatherhead; Kent League Premier Division: Deal Town v Holmesdale; Erith & Belvedere v Hythe Town

Third loss in a week leaves Hythe's season in tatters

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 0 Corinthian 1

A MISERABLE week which saw Hythe Town's title hopes shot down in flames, ended with a chastening defeat at home to Corinthian on Saturday.

A first-half strike from Raymond Mfon was enough to inflict a third defeat in eight days on Scott Porter's side, whose ambitions are becoming lower with every game. If they cannot snap out of their malaise quickly, even a top-three finish, once a virtual certainty, may be beyond them.

The sequence began with a 2-1 defeat at Faversham, after which Porter felt Hythe's title chances were unlikely, but, with almost half their games still to play, not impossible. Town promptly lost 4-3 away to an in-form Sevenoaks in midweek, followed by Saturday's defeat at home.

While there was no disgrace losing at Faversham and Sevenoaks, a reverse at home to a Corinthian side who had won just three league games all season – and lost their last four – was a different matter.

Despite Hythe's form they would have expected to bounce back to winning ways, but the only goal of the game came at the other end. Mfon finished from close range to put the strugglers in front and despite having more than an hour to get back into the game, Hythe failed to find a way past the third leakiest defence in the league.

Town had an opportunity to break their losing streak when rock bottom Ludwood



Picture: IOR KIPCO

SLUMP: Hythe lost their third game in quick succession

visited Reachfields last night. Log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the details. Hythe visit Erith & Belvedere this Saturday.

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